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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1881.

The National Encampment met in Fifteenth Annual Session in the *Park Theatre*, at 10 A. M., Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Louis Wagner, in the chair.

The proceedings were opened by prayer by Chaplain-in-Chief, Comrade Rev. J. F. Lovering. The opening ode was sung, Comrade John McCarthy, Conn., at the organ. Comrade McLane, Indiana, was appointed Officer of the Day and detailed the following Comrades of the LAFAYETTE POST, No. 3, as guard: S. A. Bryan, David Denny, G. W. Bergner, James M. White, J. C. Gibson, John R. Dow, F. L. Gillespie, A. A. Denking, J. B. Doris, Levi Creech, W. A. McClellan, Charles Brado.

Comrade J. D. Hicks, Pennsylvania, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General for the session.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the following Committee on *Credentials:* The Adjutant-General; W. S. McNair, Del.; Hill, Mass.; West, Neb.; Hurlbut, Va.

The Committee on *Credentials* reported the following members of the National Encampment, as originally reported to the Adjutant-General, and appended a list of those elected by the respective Department Councils of Administration to fill the places of those unable to attend:

The Adjutant-General then called the roll of Officers, Past Officers and members, and those present are marked*. (This includes all present at any of the sessions.)

ROLL OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,

G. A. R.

June 15th and 16th, 1881.

Commander-in-Chief.....LOUIS WAGNER, Philadelphia, Pa.*
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief...EDGAR D. SWAIN, Chicago, Ill.*
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief...GEORGE BOWERS, Nashua, N. H.*
Surgeon-General.....A. C. HAMLIN, Bangor, Me.
Chaplain-in-Chief.....Rev. J. F. LOVERING, Worcester, Mass*
Adjutant-General.....ROBERT B. BEATH, Philadelphia, Pa.*
Quartermaster-General.....WM. WARD, Newark, N. J.*
Inspector-General.....J. R. CARNAHAN, Indianapolis, Ind.*
Judge Advocate-General.....GEO. B. SQUIRES, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Maine.....W. G. Haskell, Lewiston.
New Hampshire.....Jno. C. Linehan, Fisherville.
Vermont.....Geo. H. Bigelow, Burlington.
Massachusetts.....J. Frank Dalton, Salem.
Rhode Island.....C. Henry Barney, Providence.
Connecticut.....Wm. Berry, Hartford.
New York.....T. C. Rowe, Albany.*
New Jersey.....A. M. Way, New Brunswick.*
Pennsylvania.....Norman M. Smith, Pittsburgh.
Maryland.....† W. H. Wiegel, Baltimore.*
Potomac.....F. Thomson, Washington, D.C.*
Virginia.....J. Davidson, Old Point.
Ohio.....Chas. L. Young, Toledo.*
Illinois.....E. W. Chamberlain, Chicago.*
Iowa.....† H. C. Townsend, Des Moines.*
Nebraska.....H. G. Townsend, David City.*
California.....J. C. Sargent, San Francisco.
Michigan.....And. F. McReynolds, Grand Rapids.
Wisconsin.....Edwin A. Kendall, deceased.
Indiana.....Thomas Hanna, Greencastle.*

† Elected to fill vacancies.

Note.—List of Past National Officers and Past Department Commanders includes only those reported in good standing in their Posts.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief	A. E. Burnside, Providence	1871–2
	Charles Devens, Boston	1873–4
	J. F. Hartranft, Philad'a	1875–6
	J. C. Robinson, Binghamton	1877–8
	Wm. Earnshaw, Dayton, O.	1879*
Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Joshua T. Owen, Philad'a	1868
	Louis Wagner, Philad'a	1871–2*
	Edward Jardine, New York	1874
	J. S. Reynolds, Chicago	1875–6
	E. H. Rhodes, Providence	1877
	Paul Van Dervoort, Omaha	1878*
	John Palmer, Albany	1879*
Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Joseph R. Hawley, Hartford	1868–9
	Louis Wagner, Philad'a	1870*
	Jas. Coey, San Francisco	1871–2
	Ed. Ferguson, Milwaukee	1873
	Guy T. Gould, Chicago	1874*
	C. J. Buckbee, New Haven	1875–6
	Wm. Earnshaw, Dayton, O.	1877*
	Herbert E. Hill, Boston	1878
	H. Dingman, Wash'n, D. C.	1879

MAINE. (January 10, 1868.)

Commander	W. G. Haskell, Lewiston.
Senior Vice Commander	J. H. Raymond, Bath.
Junior Vice Commander	A. B. Adams, Wilton.
Assistant Adjutant-General	D. H. Holman, Lewiston.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
C. A. Boutelle, Lewiston.	A. D. Stetson, Bath.
G. N. Jenkins, Togus.	F. Adams, Brunswick.
S. W. Lane, Augusta.*	W. K. Ripley, North Turner.

Past Department Commanders.

George L. Beal, Portland.	John D. Myrick, Augusta.
Charles P. Mattocks, Portland.	A. C. Hamlin, Bangor.
Daniel White, Bangor.	Winsor B. Smith, Portland.
Selden Connor, Augusta.	I. S. Bangs, Waterville.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. (May, 1868.)

Commander.....Martin A. Haynes, Lake Village.
Senior Vice Commander.....Daniel M. White, Peterborough.
Junior Vice Commander.....Thomas S. Ellis, Lancaster.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Natt. Shackford, Lake Village.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Joab N. Patterson, Concord.*	Chas. O. Moulton, Suncook.
Osman B. Warren, Rochester.*	Daniel H. Reed, Keene.
Jno. W. Babbitt, Keene.*	David R. Peirce, Great Falls.
Geo. H. Emerson, Lancaster.	Geo. Farr, Littleton.

Past Department Commanders.

William R. Patton, Manchester.	Tim. W. Challis, Manchester.
Daniel J. Vaughan, Portsmouth.	Alvin S. Eaton, Nashua.
James E. Larkin, Concord.	Chas. J. Richards, Great Falls.
Augustus H. Bixby, Manchester.	George Bowers, Nashua.*
William. H. Trickey, Dover.	

VERMONT. October 23, 1868.)

Commander.....Geo. W. Hooker, Brattleboro.
Senior Vice Commander.....C. A. Bundy, Arlington.
Junior Vice Commander.....E. R. Campbell, Brandon.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....H. E. Taylor, Brattleboro.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Roswell Farnham, Bradford.	Geo. K. Russell, Bellows Falls.
Warren R. Dunton, Dorset.	H. M. Pierce, Montpelier.

Past Department Commanders.

W. W. Henry, Burlington.	W. G. Veazey, Rutland.
Stephen Thomas, Montpelier.	T. S. Peck, Burlington.
J. H. Goulding, East Dorset.	

MASSACHUSETTS. (May 7, 1867.)

Commander.....Geo. W. Creasey, Newburyport.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Benj. S. Lovell, E. Weymouth.*
Junior Vice Commander.....Royal B. Wight, Natick.*
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Jas. F. Meech, Boston* (53 Tremont street).

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Thos. H. Hill (at large), Woburn.*	Geo. F. Moore (at large). Haverhill.
Silas A. Barton, Lynn.*	Jas. K. Churchill, Worcester.
Geo. S. Evans, Cambridge.	Chas. F. Read, S. Gardner.
Jno. F. Bruce, Fitchburg.*	Chas. D. Nash, S. Abington.
Azel Ames, Jr., Wakefield.*	Freeman C. Luce, New Bedford.
Alfred C. Monroe, Brockton.*	C. W. Rhoades, Roxbury.
Andrew C. Stone, Lawrence.*	Henry B. Thayer, Milford.
Myron P. Walker, Springfield.	Geo. C. Joslin, S. Boston.
Jno. R. Merritt, Swampscott.*	S. F. McClearn, Marblehead.
Henry B. Peirce, Abington.*	Frank McGraw, Fall River.

Past Department Commanders.

A. B. R. Sprague, Worcester.	George S. Merrill, Lawrence.*
Francis A. Osborn, Boston.	Horace Binney Sargent, Salem.
William Cogswell, Salem.	John G. B. Adams, Lynn.*
A. B. Underwood, Newton.	John A. Hawes, Fair Haven.
John W. Kimball, Fitchburg.	

CONNECTICUT. (April 10, 1867.)

Commander.....Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Ira E. Hicks, New Britain.
Junior Vice Commander.....Isaac B. Hyatt, Meriden.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Geo. W. Keeler, Bridgeport.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Henry M. Durfey (at large), Greeneville.*	B. S. Keith (at large), Norwalk.
John McCarthy, New Haven.*	Jas. Ryder, Danbury.
Charles Griswold, Guilford.*	Geo. Havens, New London.

Past Department Commanders.

Edward Harland, Norwich.	Chas. J. Buckbee, New Haven.
Theodore G. Ellis, Hartford.	Wm. E. Disbrow, Bridgeport.
Wm. H. Mallory, Bridgeport.	Chas. E. Fowler, New Haven.
L. A. Dickinson, Hartford.	Geo. S. Smith, Norwich.

RHODE ISLAND. (March 24, 1868.)

Commander.....Wm. H. P. Steere, Olneyville.
Senior Vice Commander.....Henry F. Jencks, Pawtucket.
Junior Vice Commander.....John Delevan, Westerly.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Wm. J. Bradford, Providence.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Andrew McMahon (at large), Newport.	Wm. F. Hutchinson (at large), Providence.
Isaac M. Potter, Providence.	W. H. Turner, Warren.

Past Department Commanders.

A. E. Burnside, Providence.	Horatio Rogers, Providence.
C. R. Brayton, Providence.	Elisha H. Rhodes, Providence.
Edwin Metcalf, Providence.	Edwin C. Pomroy, Providence.
Charles H. Williams, Providence.	Henry J. Spooner, Providence.
Fred. A. Arnold, Providence.	Henry R. Barker, Providence.
Chas. C. Gray, Providence.	

NEW YORK. (April 3, 1867.)

Commander.....Abram Merritt, Nyack.
Senior Vice Commander.....John E. Savery, Auburn.
Junior Vice Commander.....Dennis Sullivan, 406 Grand st., N. Y. city.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Wm. Blasie, Albany.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
John Cochrane (at large), N. Y. city.	J. M. Guion (at large), Seneca Falls.
Wm. H. Bright, Utica.*	W. H. Warner, Syracuse.
Jos. H. Horton, Ithaca.	H. A. Glassford, Albany.
Matthew Gaffney, Sodus Centre.	D. L. Holden, Elmira.
C. E. Foote, Cobleskill.*	W. D. Jaynes, Somerville, Mass.*
Geo. W. Robertson, Peekskill.	A. B. Pearce, Gloversville.
A. B. Lawrence, Warsaw.	Edward E. Sill, Rochester.
W. Q. Huggins, M.D., Sanborn.*	Geo. Strippel, 827 Sixth ave., N. Y. city.
P. K. Horgan, 318 E. 13th st., N. Y. city.	John Gray Boyd, 290 Broadway, N. Y. city.
Fred'k Seibert, 119 7th st., N. Y. city.	Chas. W. Mehrer, 581 Lex. ave., N. Y. city.
Nicholas Duggan, 640 Hicks st., Brooklyn.	R. W. L'Hommedieu, Brooklyn.

Past Department Commanders.

Daniel E. Sickles, N. Y. city.	James McQuade, 30 Broad st., N. Y. city.
Henry A. Barnum, 7 South st., N. Y. city.	John C. Robinson, Binghamton.
Stephen P. Corliss, Albany.	John Palmer, Albany.*
James Tanner, Brooklyn.*	L. Coe Young, Binghamton.
William F. Rogers, Buffalo.	

NEW JERSEY. (January, 1868.)

Commander.....Chas. H. Houghton, Metuchen.*
Senior Vice Commander.....F. W. Sullivan, Newark.
Junior Vice Commander.....John R. Grubb, Camden.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....R. Lloyd Roberts, Metuchen.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Samuel Toombs (at large), Orange.*	S. W. Thompson (at large), Paterson.
C. Ewan Merritt, Mt. Holly.*	H. L. Hartshorn, Camden.
U. B. Titus, Trenton.*	T. P. Rockett, Jersey City.*
C. F. Braun, Elizabeth.	J. A. Rodrigo, Newark.

Past Department Commanders.

William Ward, Newark.*
R. H. Lee, Camden.
Charles Burrows, Paterson.
E. W. Davis, Newark.
John Mueller, Newark.
Samuel Hufty, Camden.
Geo. W. Gile, Camden.

PENNSYLVANIA. (January 16, 1867.)

Commander.....John Taylor, Philadelphia.*
Senior Vice Commander.....F. H. Dyer, Washington.
Junior Vice Commander.....Geo. F. Harris, M.D., Bellefonte.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....J. M. Vanderslice, Philadelphia.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Henry M. Hoyt (at large), Wilkesbarre.	Thomas J. Gist (at large), McKeesport.
A. J. Sellers, Philadelphia.	John Stewart, Philadelphia.
Thomas J. Stewart, Norristown.	Frank Ammerman, Ulster.
Rev. J. B. French, Troy.	W. Hays Grier, Columbia.
Wm. B. Jones, M.D., Philadelphia.*	A. K. Dunkel, Philadelphia.
J. D. Hicks, Tyrone.*	N. Ferree Lightner, Philada.
C. S. Marks, Lewistown.	A. J. Rorer, Germantown.
J. A. Ege, Bradford.	George B. Chalmers, Pittsburgh.
George C. Anderson, Latrobe.*	W. W. Scott, Pittsburgh.
H. G. Tillinghast, West Philadelphia.	S. A. Will, Pittsburgh.
Samuel Harper, Pittsburgh,*	John Maxwell, Philadelphia.
Wm. A. Stone, Allegheny City.	A. M. K. Storrie, Philadelphia.*
J. M. Gibbs, Danville.	Charles M. Brumm, Minersville.
R. J. Irwin, Saltsburg.	J. L. Paul, Harrisburg.
F. K. Patterson, Freeport.*	W. D. Hall, Altoona.
T. K. Lees, Chester.	E. P. Gould, Erie.
R. M. J. Reed, West Philadelphia.	James A. Beaver, Bellefonte.
R. F. Potter, Minersville.*	Jos. F. Denniston, Pittsburgh.*
S. M. Jackson, Apollo.*	David Branson, Philadelphia.

Past Department Commanders.

Louis Wagner, Philadelphia.*
O. C. Bosbyshell, Philadelphia.
Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia *
A. Wilson Norris, Philadelphia.
W. W. Tyson, Pittsburgh.
James W. Latta, Philadelphia
S. I. Givin, Philadelphia.
Charles T. Hull, Athens.
George L. Brown, Minersville.*
Chill W. Hazzard, Mon. City.*

DELAWARE. (January, 1881.)

Commander.....W. S. McNair, Wilmington.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Joshua S. Valentine, Wilmington.
Junior Vice Commander.....Wm. E. Smith, Dover.*
Assistant Adjutant-General.....S. Rodmond Smith, Wilmington.

Representative. — *Alternate.*

Geo. V. Massey (at large), Dover.* — Wm. Y. Swiggett, Wilmington.

MARYLAND. (January 8, 1868—Reorganized.)

Commander.....Wm. E. W. Ross, Baltimore.*
Senior Vice Commander.....W. W. Walker, Hagerstown.*
Junior Vice Commander.....R. H. Cameron, North East.*
Assistant Adjutant-General.....John H. Suter, Baltimore.*

Representatives. — *Alternates.*

Graham Dukehart (at large), Baltimore.* — William W. Wiegel (at large)* Baltimore.
Henry J. Johnson, Cumberland. — Geo. W. Johnson, Baltimore P.O.*
Joshua N. Richardson, Baltimore.* — Edwin M. Mobley, Hagerstown.

Past Department Commanders.

Edwin T. Daneker, Baltimore.*
E. B. Tyler, Baltimore.
Wm. E. Griffith, Cumberland.

POTOMAC. (February 11, 1869.)

Commander.....Wm. Gibson, Washington.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Paul Brodie, Washington.*
Junior Vice Commander.....Ames F. Medford, Washington.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....John Cameron, Washington.

Representatives. — *Alternates.*

S. S. Burdett (at large), Washington.* — S. E. Thomson (at large) Washington.
M. E. Urell, Washington. — James Cross, Washington.

Past Department Commanders.

F. H. Sprague, Washington.
J. T. Smith, Washington.
C. C. Adams, Washington.
B. F. Hawkes, Washington.
A. H. G. Richardson, Washington.
George E. Corson, Washington.
Harrison Dingman, Washington.
C. C. Royce, Washington.

VIRGINIA. (February 12, 1868,)

Commander.....W. Hervey King, Navy Yard, Norfolk.
Senior Vice Commander.....August Zarotsky, National Soldiers' Home.
Junior Vice Commander.....Alexander Ogelsby, Norfolk.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Wm. N. Eaton, Navy Yard, Norfolk.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Andrew H. Fyans, Nat. Soldiers' Home.*	James E. Fuller, Navy Yard. Norfolk, Va.

Past Department Commanders.

S. B. Kenney, Norfolk.
William N. Eaton, Norfolk.
Wm. H. Appenzeller, Norfolk.
William Ryder, Norfolk.
Richard Bond, Norfolk.
R. G. Staples, Portsmouth.
A. B. Hurlbut, Portsmouth.*

OHIO. (January 30, 1867.)

Commander.....John S. Kountz, Toledo.*
Senior Vice Commander.....S. N. Maxwell, Cincinnati.
Junior Vice Commander.....E. T. Mason, Jefferson.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....George S. Canfield, Toledo.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
C. A. Santmyer (at large), Carthage.*	T. D. McGillicuddy (at large), Akron.
George K. Nash, Columbus.	W. H. Baldwin, Cincinnati.*
C. F. Lease, Salem.*	H. G. Armstrong, Cincinnati.*

Past Department Commanders.

A. C. Voris, Akron.
J. H. Seymour, Hudson.
William Earnshaw, Soldiers' Home.*
J. B. Steedman, Toledo.
D. W. Thomas, Akron.*

INDIANA. (August 11, 1879.)

Commander.....W. W. Dudley, Indianapolis.*
Senior Vice Commander.....J. L. Woodin, Greensburg.*
Junior Vice Commander.....H. L. Miller, Terre Haute.*
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Ben. D. House, Indianapolis.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Wm. E. McLane (at large), Terre Haute.*	—— Hack, Vincennes.
Will. D. McCullough, Brazil.*	J. B. Shaw, Lafayette.

Past Department Commanders.

John B. Hager, Terre Haute.* S. E. Armstrong, Terre Haute.*

ILLINOIS (July 12, 1866.)

Commander.....J. W. Burst, Sycamore.*
Senior Vice Commander.....T. G. Lawlor, Rockford.
Junior Vice Commander.....S. A. Harper, Elmwood.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....J. L. Bennett, Chicago* (81 Clark street).

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
J. D. McClure (at large), Peoria.*	A. H. Rugg (at large), Peoria.
L. C. Welch, Chicago.*	W. H. Chenoweth, Chicago.
Felix De La Baume, Chicago.*	W. H. Watson, Aurora.

Past Department Commanders.

Guy T. Gould, Chicago.* H. Hilliard, Springfield.
J. S. Reynolds, Chicago. T. B. Coulter, Aurora.
Edgar D. Swain, Chicago.*

IOWA. (Sept. 26, 1866.)

Commander.....Peter V. Carey, Des Moines.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Albert Head, Jefferson.
Junior Vice Commander.....Philip M. Crapo.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....A. N. Guthrie, Des Moines.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
W. A. Abbott, Des Moines.	D. R. Lucas, Des Moines.
G. B. Hogan, Newton.	W. H. Chandler, Perry.

Past Department Commanders.

Albert A. Perkins, Burlington. H. E. Griswold, Atlantic.*
W. F. Conrad, Des Moines.*

KANSAS. (March 16, 1880.)

Commander.....J. C. Walkinshaw, Leavenworth*
Senior Vice Commander.....John B. Logan.
Junior Vice Commander.....S. N. Hopper.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....A. St. Clair, Leavenworth.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
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NEBRASKA. (July 10, 1868.)

Commander.....S. J. Alexander, Lincoln.*
Senior Vice Commander.....F. E. Brown, Syracuse.*
Junior Vice Commander.....B. Crabb, York.*
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Bradford P. Cook, David City.*

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
J. O. West (at large), Grand Island.*	C. Wiltser (at large), Grand Island.
A. D. Burr, Lincoln.*	Jno. Lett, York.
T. S. Clarkson, Schuyler.*	J. H. Culver, Milford.

Past Department Commanders.

Paul Van Dervoort, Omaha.*
Jas. W. Savage, Omaha.
R. H. Wilbur, Omaha.

MICHIGAN. (May, 1868. Reorganized.)

Commander.....Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Daniel W. Sawyer, Quincy.
Junior Vice Commander.....Dallas Johnson, Montague.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....H. H. Holton, Grand Rapids.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
O. A. Janes, Hillsdale.*	W. L. Ryan, Muskegon.

Past Department Commanders.

C. V. R. Pond, Quincy.*
And. F. McReynolds, Grand Rapids.

WISCONSIN. (Sept., 1866.)

Commander.....Griff J. Thomas, Berlin.*
Senior Vice Commander.....Geo. C. Staff, Milwaukee.
Junior Vice Commander.....J. M. Vanderhoof, Darien.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....John D. Galloway, Berlin.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Henry B. Harshaw, Oshkosh.	Philip Cheek, Jr., Baraboo.

Past Department Commanders.

Thos. S. Allen, Oshkosh.
John Hancock, Oakland.
Henry G. Rogers, Milwaukee.
Samuel F. Hammond, Milwaukee.
Edward Ferguson, Milwaukee.

MOUNTAIN. (December 11, 1879).

Commander.....E. K. Stimson, Denver, Col.*
Senior Vice Commander.....H. K. Miller, Georgetown, Col.
Junior Vice Commander.....O. P. Yelton, Laramie City, Wyoming.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....M. J. Fitz Gerald, Denver, Col.*

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Geo. West, Golden, Col.*	Jno. A. Coulter, Georgetown, Col.

Past Department Commander.

J. W. Donnellan, Laramie City, Wyoming.

CALIFORNIA. (February 20, 1868.)

Commander.....C. Mason Kinne, San Francisco.
Senior Vice Commander.....W. F. Ellis, San Jose.
Junior Vice Commander.....J. M. Davis, Oakland.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....W. A. Robinson, San Francisco.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
John F. Miller (at large), San Francisco.	Ira Moore, San Jose.
A. W. Collins, Oakland.*	J. L. Tharp, San Francisco.

Past Department Commanders.

James Coey, San Francisco.
Ed. Carlson, San Francisco.
S. P. Ford, San Francisco.
W. H. Aiken, San Francisco.
S. W. Backus, San Francisco.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Commander.....Fred. A. Sparling, Seattle.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....A. Slorah, Seattle.

FLORIDA.

Commander.....Lyman W. Rowley, Warrington.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....F. Rettig, Warrington.

MISSOURI. (May 7, 1875.)

Commander.....John S. Cavender, St. Louis.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....David Murphy, St. Louis.

MINNESOTA. (May 18, 1880.)

Commander.....Adam Marty, Stillwater.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Samuel Bloomer, Stillwater.

UTAH.

Commander.....Dr. Geo. C. Douglas, Salt Lake City.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....Francis M. Bishop, Salt Lake City,

WEST VIRGINIA. (November 16, 1880.)

Commander.....W. H. H. Flick, Martinsburg.
Assistant Adjutant-General.....H. V. Daniels, Martinsburg.

POST REPORTING DIRECT.

Louisiana.....J. A. Mower Post, No. 1.
Commander.....William Roy, New Orleans.

The following changes were reported by the *Committee on Credentials*, as elected by Department Councils of Administration, per certificates filed:

Massachusetts.	J. H. Dwyer, Lynn.*
New York.	Edwin Goodrich, Tonawanda.*
Pennsylvania.	J. K. Davison, Philadelphia.*
	Richard Rahn, Pottsville.*
	E. deC. Loud, Philadelphia.*
	Jos. H. Gray, Pittsburgh.*
	Crosby Gray, Pittsburgh.*
	Fred. Luty, Pittsburgh.*
	Jas. P. Mead, Philadelphia.*
	M. M. Wilson, Elizabeth.*
Maryland.	Geo. W. Johnson, Representative, Baltimore.*
	Robt. W. Scarlett, Alternate, Baltimore.*
Potomac.	E. W. Oyster, Representative, Washington.*
	G. J. P. Wood, Alternate, Washington.*
Ohio.	D. R. Austin, Alternate, Toledo.*
Iowa.	J. K. Powers, Des Moines.*
	S. L. Fuller, Des Moines.*

After the calling of the roll, Comrade Carey, Iowa, tendered his resignation as a member of the National Council of Administration, which was accepted, and Comrade H. C. Townsend was elected to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of Comrade J. H. Suter, Md., had been accepted by the Council of Administration at its session the previous evening, and Comrade W. H. Wiegel was elected to fill the vacancy.

Post No. 3, of Lafayette, and Post No. 11, of Greencastle, Indiana, were introduced by Inspector-General Carnahan and properly received by the National Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief then read the following report:

REPORT OF

LOUIS WAGNER, Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 15, 1881.

COMRADES:

Although the Rules and Regulations only require the several staff officers to present to the National Encampment, at each annual session, full and detailed reports of the operations of their respective departments (see section 10, Art. VI, Chap. IV), I follow the excellent precedent set by your former Commanders-in-Chief in laying before you the following report as a summary of the operations of the past year.

Called to command by your unanimous vote at the 14th annual session, I immediately assembled the Council of Administration and by their aid and that of my staff officers, devised plans to continue the good work of the organization of new Posts and Departments which had marked the preceding Grand Army year.

Much valuable time was lost in the transfer of the records and supplies to the headquarters at Philadelphia, and it was not until the latter part of July last that we were enabled to fill the requisitions which came from all over the country asking for supplies needed in the establishment of new Posts.

With the approval of the Council of Administration, it was arranged that the Adjutant-General should visit and inspect the several Departments in the East and the Inspector-General those in the West. Comrade Beath has done his work thoroughly and well, extending his visits as far west as Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, but Comrade Carnahan

has been prevented by other engagements, and by sickness in his family, from giving as much time to the Grand Army of the Republic as was hoped when he assumed the duties of his office.

Both these comrades will, I presume, give you the results of their visits in their official reports.

I appointed a large number of aides-de-camp with instructions to visit, officially, as many Posts as possible, and endeavored to impress upon all the officers that a "yellow ribbon" meant not only national honor, but also national work and responsibilities.

Personally, I have been able to visit the Grand Army in the following Departments:

Maine,	Maryland,
New Hampshire,	District of Columbia,
Vermont,	Virginia,
Massachusetts,	Ohio,
Rhode Island,	Indiana,
Connecticut,	Illinois,
New York,	Iowa,
New Jersey,	Missouri and
Pennsylvania,	Nebraska,
Delaware,	Traveling over 11,800 miles.

These visits enabled me to attend the meetings of twenty Posts, ten Department Encampments, five Reunions, two Encampments under canvas, two Hall Dedications, one unveiling of a Monument, four Memorial services, fourteen Camp-fires and thirty other gatherings of soldiers.

I found it impossible to gratify my desire to visit *all* the Departments, but I believe that all east of the mountains, with perhaps a single exception, were visited by one or more of your officers. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Swain, Adjutant-General Beath, Chaplain-in-Chief Lovering and Aides-de-camp George S. Evans, R. M. J. Reed, Wm. O. Huggins, M.D., T. F. Lang, N. M. Brooks, Horatio G. Townsend, Ed. deC. Loud, A. B. Lawrence, W. D. Jaynes and A. B. Holland were especially active in this work, and I have no doubt that much of the interest manifested in the increase of Posts and of membership can be attributed to the increased zeal created by the official and fraternal visits of these and of other Comrades.

A detailed statement of my own visits would be interesting to some extent, but at this time I will only say that they were of the most pleasant

character, and if they accomplished no other results, they certainly inspired me with larger views of the future possibilities of our Order and with a more positive determination to place it where it properly belongs —in the fore-front of all other similar societies.

With the exception of Kansas and Missouri, all the Departments seem to be in efficient condition and doing a good work and I know of no reason why these can not be put in position to largely increase their numbers during the coming year.

The American people are alive to the merits and claims of the Grand Army of the Republic, and, with proper effort on the part of officers and members, we shall enter upon a season of prosperity far beyond our present expectations.

The consolidated return presented by the Adjutant-General deserves careful consideration at your hands. It shows that large gains in membership and influence have always followed intelligent, systematic work, and I know that like effort elsewhere would have produced similar results.

Nebraska and Minnesota, in the far West, leading the van with increases respectively of 174 and 156 per cent., closely followed by Wisconsin with 100 and Michigan with 97 per cent.; with Ohio following with 72 per cent. and the larger Departments of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Illinois showing gains varying from 31 to 58 per cent.; in fact, with gains "all along the lines," except in Kansas and Missouri, is it any wonder that on December 31, 1880, we numbered over 60,000 members in 976 Posts? A gain of more than 240 Posts and over 15,000 members in one year! And the end is not yet, for the completed returns for the quarter ending March 31, 1881, will, I am sure, show a membership of nearly 70,000.

West Virginia was constituted a Provisional Department on November 16th, 1880, with Comrade W. H. H. Flick as Commander. Much of the credit for this work is due to the Commander and the Comrades of the Department of Maryland. The enthusiasm with which our Comrades in West Virginia entered upon their new relations justified the hope of an early permanent organization. In this I have been disappointed—why, I am unable to say.

Delaware effected a permanent organization on January 14th, 1881, with Comrade W. S. McNair as Commander. The work has been pushed

with great zeal, and this, our youngest Department, numbers 8 Posts, with 356 members.

Minnesota ought to have established before this a sufficient number of Posts to entitle her to a Department Charter; Missouri could do so, if she would but half try; West Virginia should do so at an early day; whilst Kentucky can be organized whenever the right man is found to take hold there, using the Posts now in connection with the Department of Illinois as a nucleus for more extended operations.

Commander Kinne, of California, is anxious that the Pacific States and adjoining Territories should be constituted into one Department, under the style and title of the "Department of the Pacific," and his views are earnestly endorsed by the officers of the Department of California. These Comrades are doing a glorious work in their own Department, and their suggestions are worthy of consideration, care being had that no injustice be done to any Posts or Provisional Departments already existing in the territory covered by their request. One of the latter, viz.: Washington Territory, has at this date a sufficient number of Posts to secure a Department charter.

The report of the Quartermaster-General, one year ago, showed a balance in his hands of	$2,615 27
but unpaid bills for supplies, amounting to	2,231 45
were found outstanding, leaving an actual balance of but .	$383 82

All the current expenses of the year have been paid, and I know of no outstanding obligations at this time. The balance of cash on hand is $7,065.74, showing that our income has been largely in excess of our expenses, notwithstanding the fact that the latter were greater than the average of previous years, because of the large amount of new printing required. Under these circumstances, and because of the increase in membership to be anticipated during the coming year, assuring us of still more sources of revenue, would it not be well to reduce the *per capita* tax; or, perhaps, in view of the certain time when our numbers must decrease, still better, establish a permanent, interest-bearing fund, by the investment of a certain portion of our present income?

In connection with our finances, it will be well for you to consider the annually increasing balances due by certain Departments for supplies. We are compelled to pay cash for our purchases, and then we give credit to an extent actually troublesome of payment to the Depart-

ments and prospectively so to the finances of the National Encampment—a resolution directing the Adjutant-General to fill no requisitions unless accompanied by the money may save us some embarrassments in the future.

Numerous questions of appeal or for decisions were received; most of them were governed by decisions heretofore made and were settled by a reference to such decisions; the others, with a single exception, were of so plain a character that I was able to pass upon them without troubling the Judge Advocate-General for his views upon the questions at issue.

The following are the decisions made—I have no notice of any appeals to be made to you:

DECISIONS.

I. Two cases of comrades tried and convicted by court-martial and sentenced to be *dishonorably discharged* were submitted, their Posts, by unanimous vote, asking that the sentences be revoked and the comrades reinstated, which recommendations were approved by the Department Commanders and forwarded to National headquarters.

Not feeling satisfied that these cases came within the provisions of the resolution of National Encampment, page 724, *Journal* 1880, I declined to give the order asked for, but referred the Posts to the decision of the Judge Advocate-General, No. 24, dated February 3, 1872.

II. Comrade Rowe, Commander Post 5, Albany, appealed from the decision of the Department Commander of New York, under the following facts:

A ballot had been had under which an applicant had been duly elected, but the Post Commander, without announcing the result, ordered a second ballot.

Discovering his error, the Commander sought to repair the wrong, but on the submission of the case to Department headquarters, it was decided that the second ballot should be completed.

From this decision Comrade Rowe appealed, on the ground that the Post Commander could not reverse the action of the Comrades at the ballot-box by which the applicant had been elected.

The appeal of Comrade Rowe was sustained and the decision of the Department Commander reversed.

III. On a question submitted through Department of New Jersey asking the Commander-in-Chief to give a special dispensation to muster an applicant who, being too young to enlist, had been employed in various duties with the army, I decided that the applicant must be governed by the qualifications required in Art. IV, Chap. I, Rules and Regulations, and that there was no power vested in any officer to set aside its provisions.

IV. Comrade Royce, commanding Department of the Potomac, presented the following: Is a Past Post Commander, who had after service as such been dropped from the rolls and then rejoined as a recruit, entitled to the honors of that position unless again elected as Post Commander?

I decided that the Comrade had no claim to any honors earned, or resulting from such honors, previous to the time when he was dropped. Having again become a member, he stands upon the footing of a new member.

V. On the question presented by the Department of Maryland as to eligibility of an applicant who had served in the revenue marine service as an enlisted man and, under the orders of the Navy Department, in blockade service during the war, I decided that he was not eligible, referring to opinion of Judge Advocate-General, XXVII, April 11, 1873.

VI. On the question presented by Post No. 1, New Orleans, as to eligibility of an applicant who served in the field during the Gettysburg campaign in a Pennsylvania regiment, but not mustered into the service of the United States, who was "in service under the orders of United States general officers," and at the close of the emergency was mustered out on a State discharge, I answered that he was eligible if otherwise qualified.

VII. The Commander of the Department of the Potomac decided that a Post should pay the per capita tax due the Department for the quarter in which it was organized.

To this the Post took exceptions, claiming that the charge did not commence until the first of the ensuing quarter.

The decision of the Department Commander was sustained.

VIII. From the same Department an appeal was presented on the right of the Post Quartermaster to drop from the rolls any Comrade twelve months in arrears, who had been duly notified, without the direct action of the Post thereon.

I decided that when a comrade became twelve months in arrears, he was "dropped" by the action of the law governing that subject, and that the simple clerical duty of marking the name "dropped" could be performed by the Quartermaster or Quartermaster-Sergeant.

When a comrade is marked "dropped," it becomes the duty of the Quartermaster to so report his name in the then quarterly return.

IX. On an application from the Department of Connecticut that the Commander-in-Chief detail a staff officer to re-obligate a Comrade "dropped from the rolls" in that Department, and then residing in a distant city, who desired to be restored, I answered that there was now no provision for the re-obligation of dropped members, but that the Department Commander where the Comrade resided could, as a matter of courtesy, communicate the countersign, on receiving such a request officially, to a Comrade thus restored.

X. On an appeal from Post 35, Department of Massachusetts, I decided that the Department Commander was correct in ruling that the Post

Quartermaster was responsible for moneys collected by the Quartermaster-Sergeant.

XI. The Department of California presented the question of eligibility of one who served on the "Coast Survey" during the war as a part of the Atlantic Squadron.

I decided that he must have the qualifications required by our Rules and that his discharge papers would show the facts.

XII. Can a Post Commander order the Post to attend the funeral of other than a Comrade in good standing at his decease?

Decided: That the power to issue an order for attendance at a funeral, as given in Par. 1 of *Burial Services*, must have been first conferred on the Post Commander by Post By-laws or resolution of the Post.

The Post Commander can not, on his own option, direct Comrades to leave their business to attend funerals of those who did not, during life, have interest enough in the Order to become members.

There may be cases where such attendance would be proper, but the Commander could learn the wishes of his Comrades by calling a special meeting of the Post.

XIII. The opinion of the Judge Advocate-General touching the ordering of a Court-Martial (see his report herewith), was approved, and I declined to convene the court asked for, considering the case too trivial for a General Court-Martial.

Permit me to ask your careful consideration of the proposition to make all the officers in the Grand Army of the Republic elective, thus returning to the early practices of choosing officers. I know that there is much difference of opinion upon this matter, but I am willing to advocate it, even at the risk of defeat, because I feel sure that its adoption would be of great advantage to our Order. It would be improper for me to enter into the details of difficulties encountered in several of our Departments because of the appointments to be made by the Department Commanders, as these difficulties are of the character of family troubles; but I may say that I know a Comrade who was defeated for Commander-in-Chief by the votes of the appointed officers of the National Encampment on the one hand, and by the votes of the representatives of one of our smaller Departments, who had some personal objection to a Comrade who they presumed would be appointed Adjutant-General.

I am unable to see why a Comrade elected Department Commander should, by his appointing power, have the right to put into his Encampment representatives equal to twenty-five hundred members, or why the Commander-in-Chief should have more representation, by his own vote and the votes of his staff appointments, than any one of the Depart-

ments, except those of Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts; but I can see how serious complications might ensue because of the power of these officers to appoint the officers who hold our funds, and also those who, in connection with themselves, have the power to order their disbursement.

In opposition to these views it is urged that ours is a *quasi* military organization, and that these officers compose the personal staff of the Commanders, and that they should have the power of appointment and removal.

In reply I claim that they are the executive officers of our Order, the Adjutants-General the Secretaries, and the Quartermasters-General the Treasurers, and that we should say whose services we desire in these responsible places; and, finally, that even in the army these positions are filled by assignment from higher authority, and not by appointment from the Colonel or the General. The matter is, in my opinion, one of great moment, and should be seriously considered by you.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed by people, both in and out of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the character, or, perhaps better, the want of character, of the camp fires of some of our Posts, where the song, the story or the personal conduct of some present overstepped the bounds of propriety, and where a desire to appear "funny" resulted in bringing our Order into disrepute. I am sure that much of this flows from mere thoughtlessness, and a simple reminder of the fact that to the outside world we are only what we show ourselves to be on these public occasions, will result in greater care in the selection of entertainment and of entertainers, and in a higher order of exercises, so that our friends may be justified in the belief that we are "good men and true," and not "lewd fellows of the baser sort." Better neither camp fires nor reunions than gathings where word or conduct would bring disgrace upon our whole Order.

Our Comrade, Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, Chaplain of the Department of New Hampshire, has expressed these ideas so well that I take pleasure in quoting from his last report, as follows:

"My report is already too long, but there is one matter which I feel constrained to notice. I refer to the conduct of camp-fires. Comrades, you want your boys to feel the inspiration of the camp-fire, the thrill of the heroic story, the pathos, the exaltation of the unwritten poetry, and learn the abiding lessons of that history which finds no tablets save the hearts of brothers. It is, then, your soldierly duty to guard these innocent ones from the contamination of impurity, to see that no unholy fires burn before the

shrine of your devotion to the memories of the war, no brutal vice breathes in the epic you recite, so that they may learn and feel that it is manly and soldierly to keep pure minds and clean lips."

Memorial day was more generally observed than in any previous year, and its solemn exercises are gradually, but surely, entwining themselves around the heartstrings of our people, and as year by year the roll of our dead lengthens and the number of graves to be strewn with flowers increases, so will the sacred memories of our country's tribulations intensify the love for, and devotion to, its institutions and its flag, which are taught to the rising generation by the services in which we engage.

I desire to remind our Departments and Post Commanders that the 30th day of May is designated "Memorial Day," and that it should be so named in their general orders directing its observance. "Decoration Day," as it is so often called, is a misnomer, and fails to convey to the mind the thought that by its celebration we are to commemorate the deeds of our fallen comrades. Let this not be a day of feasting and merry-making, but a day of solemn thought and recollection, to remind us of the sad, yet glorious, past, so that when our children ask us, "What mean ye by this service?" we can reply: These are the dead who considered life of no moment if but truth and justice and liberty could be made perpetual in our land.

The Council of Administration has held three meetings: At Dayton, on June 9th, 1880; at Philadelphia, on October 14th, 1880, and at Indianapolis on June 14th, 1881. The record of its proceedings is herewith presented:

Comrade Edwin A. Kendall, member of the Council of Administration from the Department of Wisconsin, died on May 11th, 1881, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had gone to recruit his health. His record as a soldier is a good one, and in his connection with the Grand Army his services were untiring.

The following staff officers were "lost by promotion:"
Comrade W. H. King, elected Commander Department of Virginia; Comrade Abram Merritt, elected Commander Department of New York; Comrade W. S. McNair, elected Commander Department of Delaware; Comrade F. H. Dyer, elected Senior Vice Commander Department of Pennsylvania. In their positions of greater honor may they feel greater responsibility and accomplish greater results.

The various committees ordered by you at the Dayton session were appointed. The Committee on Revision of Ritual and Manual discharged their duties promptly, and their work has been published.

The Committee on Engrossing Resolutions of Appreciation to Past Commander-in-Chief Robinson, Comrade Squires, Chairman; the Committee on Testimonial to Past Commander-in-Chief Earnshaw, Comrade Beath, Chairman; the Committee on "Women's National Relief Corps," Comrade Lovering, Chairman; and the Committee on "Sons of Veterans," Comrade L. Coe Young, Chairman, will report at this session.

I respectfully make the following recommendations:—1st. That the per capita tax be fixed at four cents, or else that it remain at six cents, but that one-half of one cent per quarter for each and every member be invested, by three trustees to be elected by this Encampment, as a permanent fund, the interest upon which shall be re-invested annually for ten years, and after that time be devoted to the current expenses of the National Encampment.

2d. That no requisitions for supplies shall be filled by the Adjutant-General unless they are accompanied by the money to pay for the same.

3d. That the general orders and circulars issued shall be printed annually with the Journal of Proceedings, and that the Journal of the present session shall contain all general orders and circulars heretofore issued.

When, in pursuance to general orders, issued by Comrade B. F. Stephenson, of Illinois, the founder and then acting Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, representatives from *eleven* different States, met in this city on November 20th, 1866, in first annual session, they, as "the representatives of the soldiers and sailors of the military and naval services of the United States during the late war against traitors," re-affirmed "their devotion to these States, the Constitution and the Laws of our country, and their abhorrence of treason and oppression," and in a series of six resolutions laid down a platform of principles broad enough and strong enough for all the defenders of the Union to stand upon.

Fifteen years after, we to-day, the representatives from *thirty-one* States and Territories, meet in this same city to renew our vows of fealty to our order, of loyalty to our country, and to gather renewed inspiration for the cause in which we are enlisted.

Our predecessors laid foundations deep and broad, and we have continued to build upon them a structure of grand proportions—a temple to freedom, in which we have raised our altar and offered up our devotions to the God who preserved us and the Nation. We have grown, and prospered, increasing in numbers as well as in good works and words, and that which was but a little thing fifteen years ago is to-day strong and powerful. May we be equal to the time and the occasion, using our power, not for personal gain or glory, but for the benefit and advantage of the whole Nation, and from the East, the West, the North and even the South will come benedictions and blessings upon the men whose hearts conceived and perpetuated so glorious an organization.

In conclusion, Comrades, I thank you most earnestly for the fraternal feelings which prompted you so many times to call me to official positions in this National Encampment. You have honored me above my deserts, and as I return into your hands the authority with which you vested me one year since and resume my place in the ranks, I pledge myself to continued work in the interests of our order, and may God, who in His infinite love and mercy brought us safely through the fiery seas of battle, protect us in our marches and fightings in this life and guide us, one and all, by paths of peace into His own Kingdom to join our comrades who have gone before.

The reports of the other officers, except that of the Chaplain-in-Chief, were presented in print and their reading was dispensed with. They are as follows:

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15, 1881.

LOUIS WAGNER,

Commander-in-Chief.

COMRADE:

I have the honor to make the following report for the term:

The reports of the different Departments, herewith given, show the strength of each, on December 31, 1879, and 1880.

The returns for the first quarter of 1881 are appended as far as received.

The following is a recapitulation of *Form C:*

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1879		44,802
Gains during year.		
By muster in	21,370	
By transfer	677	
By reinstatement	4,569	
By errors in reports	243	
Total gain		26,859
Aggregate		71,661
Losses during year.		
By death	596	
By honorable discharge	336	
By transfer	892	
Suspended	8,972	
Dishonorably discharged	89	
Dropped	98	
Total loss		10,983
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1880		60,678

Number remaining suspended this date	4,274
"Dropped" during year, having been *previously* "suspended"	1,309
Expended for relief during year	$63,597.38

During the year over sixteen hundred letters have been received, entered in the *Correspondence Register*, numbered, endorsed and filed, so that they can be examined at any time with little delay.

About the same number of letters have been written and copied in the *Letter Books.*

All this has been done as promptly as possible, though often the inquiries related to matters requiring considerable research amongst the old papers, or necessitating inquiries in other directions.

Each letter of inquiry on points of law was duly referred to you, and decisions returned in accordance with your instructions.

It will be seen from the above, that the correspondence of this office requires considerable time and labor, and when there is added to this, the issue of supplies and keeping the necessary accounts, there is but little time left for any one who has other business requiring his attention.

The growth of the Grand Army has increased the work of this Department so much that but for the experience gained in two years of previous service in this position I would have been unable to meet the demands upon my time, except by giving up entirely my business, or engaging extra help, as I have done lately, at my own cost.

In view of the work legitimately belonging to this office, it may not be out of place to suggest, for the benefit of my successor, that time will be saved to all parties in interest if, *first*, the intermediate Commanders would closely follow the Manual of Instructions, and make a decision on each point of law presented to them, only forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief, such as are appealed from, and, *second*, if the Assistant Adjutant-General or Assistant Quartermaster-General in charge of the supply accounts would make requisitions for supplies in quantities sufficient for several months.

The labor of entering a requisition for a single electrotype, charging it to the Department, sending out a bill and then the receipt for the money, is just about the same as for a hundred badges.

It has been my privilege during the year to accompany you on quite a number of your visits to Departments and Posts, and thus meeting Comrades in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and also to meet the Encampment of Maine at Portland, New Hampshire at their beautifully located camp-ground at Weirs, Michigan at Quincy, Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and Iowa at Des Moines. I also stopped twice at Chicago, and am greatly indebted to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Swain for many courtesies extended.

At all of these places I was most cordially received and kindly treated. All the Comrades seemed glad of the opportunity to welcome your representative, and at each point, excepting in New Hampshire, where the circumstances did not permit it, special musters were held and all needed instructions given.

It has been a matter of regret to me that the demands on my time were

such that I could not personally visit headquarters of the Departments of Kansas and Missouri. I now see that it would have been better to have given up other visits to inspect these, and inquire into the reasons for the prevailing apathy. I am satisfied that unless there is a radical change in Kansas very soon, there will be no Grand Army there, even in name, in a year. The State is filled with soldiers, but they will not take hold as do their brothers in Nebraska, who just keep the Grand Army *booming*. I regret much having to say this of any Department.

Under your instructions I visited Martinsburg, West Virginia, to muster the Post at that place, and, after inquiry, suggested the appointment of Comrade W. H. H. Flick as Provisional Department Commander. Comrade C. C. Royce mustered Post No. 2 at Harper's Ferry, with Comrade Geo. W. Graham as Commander.

Applications were received from two other points in that State for Posts, through the Department of Maryland, which were duly referred, but no results have been reached.

As the *good of the Order* should be above any personal considerations, in view of the failure to make the most of this opportunity to organize a new Department, we can now see that it would have been better to place these Posts under the energetic management of Comrade Ross in Maryland.

I also attended the meeting for the organization of a Department in Delaware. That State, we now feel assured, is firmly established in our Order.

Whilst the figures given in detail show such magnificent results for the year, the quarterly returns show that recruiting was nearly at a stand-still for some weeks before and after the Presidential election, and it was not until after the Department officers were elected in January that the work of building up again commenced in earnest. With the fine groundwork established by last year's labors in nearly all of the Departments, it is safe to predict that the year 1881 will greatly excel the past. Reports from all sections, except those above so reluctantly noted, are most encouraging.

Maine has made very large gains this year. Comrade I. S. Bangs has thoroughly worked up the field with good results. Comrade Haskell took up the work vigorously and intelligently, and hundreds of new Comrades will be Maine's quota this year. In New Hampshire, Comrade Bowers gave two years of unremitting labor, established Posts in nearly every available place, and his successor has but to push on the Posts to bring in the men. In Vermont there are good gains, and we hope for much larger results this year from Comrade Hooker's recognized ability. Massachusetts has stopped going backward. We may confidently rely on better reports from the State so long at the head of the column.

Connecticut is doing finely; the Department officers are very attentive to their duties and an excellent spirit prevails.

In Rhode Island there has been little change. New York did so well last year, in going from third to second place, that Comrade Merritt entered on the work this year with the laudable object of placing his Depart-

ment ahead of Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvania, that organized 50 new Posts last year, has determined to do equally as well this; and, best of all, the new Posts started, with hardly an exception, show remarkable gains in numbers. It is fair to say, also, for this large Department, that its officers have their work so well in hand that they have very few Posts delinquent. At the January Encampment at Pittsburgh, only 4 Posts were behind: and now, out of 210 Posts, only 7 are in arrears for the first quarter. The smaller Departments, struggling with this matter of delinquent Posts, will recognize what a work this has been in Pennsylvania. New York was very little behind her in this respect.

In New Jersey, the results of Comrade Gile's administration has brought the Department to the fourth in membership.

Of Maryland, we may say the same. Comrade Ross has much to contend with, that outsiders cannot fully appreciate, but he has made a fine Department, and whilst its chief Post (No. 1) cannot be excelled anywhere, the other Posts are all deserving of praise.

Passing westward, we find that Ohio is making great strides forward. The result of last year's hard work is evident, and Comrade Kountz is determined to make the most of his advantages. It was not large in membership, to be sure, yet it is a great point gained, that since January it has more than doubled. I doubt if any Department will show better results this year.

From Illinois we have the same encouraging reports, and gains are promised in good numbers in Wisconsin and Michigan. Nebraska, that became the banner State through its great work of last year, has organized a very large number of new Posts this year and has most hopeful prospects.

The Mountain Department is doing well, and is in excellent hands. Widely scattered as the Posts must be, it is encouraging to report the formation of others during the present year.

In California, Comrade Kinne and his colleagues have been doing excellent work, and larger gains than last year are confidently claimed.

Of the Provisional Departments, Minnesota and Washington Territory* will be ready within a few weeks to take their charters as permanent Departments.

We have still one Post at New Orleans; it keeps up well and has done a noble work. Excepting the Post at Warrington, Florida, there are no other Posts in the extreme Southern States. The few in Kentucky and Arkansas are under the guardianship of Illinois at present.

This is necessarily a hasty sketch of salient points, but I have every confidence that the future will justify all claimed of immediate gains.

I beg leave to suggest to the Encampment that the requirement for a meeting of the National Council of Administration, in October, should be stricken out of the Rules. It must either be a *dead letter* or, if obeyed, as this year, submit the Order to a very heavy expense.

*Reported by wire to Encampment at Indianapolis the formation of the seventh Post, thus entitling it to a Department charter.

One of the most unpleasant matters we have to deal with, is delinquency in regard to reports. The Rules and Regulations prescribe the times for forwarding these reports: we furnish all the blanks needed without cost to the Posts, and yet there is a continual aggravating and expensive delay; for the Assistant Adjutant-General, jealous of the honor of his Department at National headquarters, is compelled to let the time go by, or make only a small showing. One of the larger Departments had, say, one-third of its Posts delinquent four months after the time fixed for the December reports.

The pledge of office is so strong and solemn—the Commander raising his right hand and obligating himself to obey the Rules and Regulations, and exact the obedience of others thereto—that it seems strange that any Comrade honored with a position would violate it.

A change will be made when we can secure the reading to the Posts of requests to forward delinquent reports, and the only way this can be done is to publish the delinquents in General Orders. As a rule, the members will keep their officers to their duties, if they but know of an infraction.

We are now out of *Service Books.* The edition published in 1879, as prepared by the Chaplain-in-Chief, is exhausted; and, as a new edition must be printed, I would suggest that there are a number of changes very much needed, and if the National Encampment cannot spare the time for action, another mode of securing a revision should be adopted.

The total receipts from Department on *Supply Accounts* amount to the large sum of $16,580.01, for which the details are shown in the Receipt book, Cash book and Ledger, and the *Disbursements* on orders drawn on the Quartermaster-General are $16,988.88. Deducting the $2120.50 paid for badges on account of the last administration, it is shown that the expenses of this year have all been met by the profits on supplies, leaving the *per capita* tax for the benefit of the future.

We can afford to adopt both your suggestions, give our present membership the benefit of an immediate reduction, and invest all the cash now on hand at interest.

Excepting on one inexpensive Form and the Service Books, we leave a good stock of supplies on hand, sufficient for some months to come.

The following tabular statements are submitted:

A Tabular Statement of Membership.
B Sessions and Officers of National Encampment.
C Detailed Statement of Orders drawn on Quartermaster-General.
D Synopsis of Disbursements.
E Statement of Receipts and Balances for Supplies.
F Statement of Supplies issued, etc.
G Available Assets.

Yours, in F., C. and L.,

ROBERT B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

		Dec. 31, 1879.		Dec. 31, 1880.		Gains.		Loss		Per cent. of gain.	1st Qr. 1881.	
		Posts.	Members.	Posts.	Members.	Posts.	Members.	Posts.	Members.		Posts.	Members.
8	Maine	24	1634	31	1918	7	284	...	...	17½	34	2033
5	New Hampshire	38	1942	52	2668	14	726	...	...	37½	47	2365
14	Vermont	17	475	25	689	8	214	...	...	45	25	723
3	Massachusetts	123	7940	125	8819	2	879	...	...	11	127	8880
16	Rhode Island	10	642	10	659	.....	17	...	...	2¾	10	647
11	Connecticut	21	1364	24	1608	3	244	...	...	18	23	1625
2	New York	142	7122	192	9931	50	2809	...	...	39½	198	9919
4	New Jersey	37	1960	49	3106	12	1146	...	...	58½	50	3185
1	Pennsylvania	150	13343	200	17561	50	4218	...	...	31½	210	17866
21	Delaware	.....	.....	6	264	6	264	...	...	.....	8	365
10	Maryland	8	1219	14	1786	6	567	...	...	46½	16	1702
15	Potomac	5	435	6	674	1	239	...	...	55	6	796
20	Virginia	6	233	6	269	.....	36	...	...	15½	6	258
9	Ohio	20	1099	36	1897	16	798	...	...	72½	38	1950
6	Illinois	27	1656	41	2342	14	686	...	...	41½	43	2383
12	Indiana	20	885	22	1276	2	391	...	...	44¼	24	1318
18	Wisconsin	12	252	13	505	1	253	...	...	100½	12	469
25	Minnesota	1	39	3	100	2	61	...	...	156½	5	195
23	Mountains	7	205	6	206	.....	1	1	...	½	6	218
17	Iowa	13	435	12	540	.....	105	1	...	24	.....	.....
19	Michigan	9	245	13	482	4	239	...	...	97½	13	531
7	Nebraska	24	722	56	1983	32	1261	...	...	174½	55	1927
22	Kansas	10	244	9	232	.....	.....	1	12	—5	10	275
13	California	11	573	14	772	3	199	...	...	35	17	890
26	Washington Terr.	1	73	1	68	.....	.....	...	5	—7	*4	120
27	Post 1, La	1	54	1	63	.....	9	...	...	17	1	72
29	West Virginia	.....	.....	2	38	2	38	...	...	.....	2	63
30	Florida	1	11	1	30	.....	19	...	...	173	.....	.....
28	Utah	.....	.....	3	63	3	63	...	...	.....	3	67
24	Missouri	.....	.....	3	129	3	129	...	...	.....	.....	.....
		738	44802	976	60678	241	15893	3	17	35½		

* The seventh Post was organized in this Department June 15th, 1881, per telegram received during this Encampment.

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	COMMANDER IN CHIEF.	SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.	JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.	ADJUTANT GENERAL.
Provisional			B. F. Stephenson, Ill.			
1	Nov. 20, 1866.	Indianapolis.	S. A. Hurlbut, Ill.	Jas. B. McKean, N. Y.	R. S. Foster, Ind.	B. F. Stephenson, Ill.
2	Jan'y 15, 1868.	Philadelphia.	Jno. A. Logan, Ill.	Joshua T. Owen, Pa.	J. R. Hawley, Conn.	N. P. Chipman, Potomac.
3	May 12, 1869.	Cincinnati.	Jno. A. Logan, Ill.	L. Fairchild, Wis.	J. R. Hawley, Conn.	W. T. Collins, Potomac.
Special Meeting,	Oct. 27, 1869.	New York.				
4	May 11, 1870.	Washington.	Jno. A. Logan, Ill.	L. Fairchild, Wis.	Louis Wagner, Pa.	W. T. Collins, Potomac.
5	May 10, 1871.	Boston.	A. E. Burnside, R. I.	Louis Wagner, Pa.	Jas. Cocy, Cal.	Wm. Cutting, N. Y.
6	May 8, 1872.	Cleveland.	A. E. Burnside, R. I.	Louis Wagner, Pa.	J. W. Keifer, O.	Roswell Miller, N. Y.
7	May 14, 1873.	New Haven.	Chas. Devens, Jr. Mass.	Jno. R. Goble, N. J.	Ed. Ferguson, Wis.	C. G. Atwood, Mass.
8	May 13, 1874.	Harrisburg.	Chas. Devens, Jr. Mass.	E. Jardine, N. Y.	Guy T. Gould, Ill.	H. R. Sibley, Mass.
9	May 12, 1875.	Chicago.	Jno. F. Hartranft, Pa.	J. S. Reynolds, Ill.	C. J. Buckbee, Conn.	R. B. Beath, Pa.
10	June 30, 1876.	Philadelphia.	Jno. F. Hartranft, Pa.	J. S. Reynolds, Ill.	C. J. Buckbee, Conn.	R. B. Beath, Pa.
11	June 26, 1877.	Providence.	Jno. C. Robinson, N. Y.	E. H. Rhodes, R. I.	Wm. Earnshaw, O.	Jas. L. Farley, N. Y.
12	June 4, 1878.	Springfield, Mass.	Jno. C. Robinson, N. Y.	Paul Vandervoort, Neb.	Herbert E. Hill, Mass.	Jas. L. Farley, N. Y.
13	June 17, 1879.	Albany.	Wm. Earnshaw, O.	Jno. Palmer, N. Y.	Harrison Dingman, D. C.	Isaac B. Stevens, O.
14	June 8, 1880.	Dayton.	Louis Wagner, Pa.	Edgar D. Swain, Ill.	Geo. Bowers, N. H.	R. B. Beath, Pa.
15	June 15, 1881.	Indianapolis.	Geo. S. Merrill, Mass.	Chas. L. Young, O.	C. V. R. Pond, Mich.	Wm. M. Olin, Mass.

No.	QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.	JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.	INSPECTOR GENERAL.	SURGEON GENERAL.	CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF.
1	A. Willich, O.			D. C. McNeill, Iowa.	Wm. A. Pile, Mo.
2	T. C. Campbell, O.		E. Jardine, N. J.	John Bell, Iowa.	A. H. Quint, Mass.
3	T. Lubey, Potomac.	N. P. Chipman, Potomac.	F. A. Starring, Potomac.	S. B. W. Mitchell, Pa.	A. H. Quint, Mass.
Special Meeting,					
4	T. Lubey, Potomac.	N. P. Chipman, Potomac.	J. O. P. Burnside, Potomac.	S. A. Green, Mass.	G. W. Collier, O.
5	C. G. Attwood, Mass.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	R. B. Beath, Pa.	S. A. Green, Mass.	W. Earnshaw, O.
6	C. G. Attwood, Mass.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	R. B. Beath, Pa.	S. A. Green, Mass.	W. Earnshaw, O.
7	A. B. R. Sprague, Mass.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	{ M. B. Goodrich, N. Y. } { A. Wilson Norris, Pa. }	Hans Powell, N. Y.	Aug. Woodbury, R. I.
8	A. B. R. Sprague, Mass.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	W. W. Brown, Pa.	Hans Powell, N. Y.	Aug. Woodbury, R. I.
9	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	W. F. Rogers, N. Y.	Jno. W. Foye, Mass.	Myron W. Reed, Wis.
10	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Wm. W. Douglas, R. I.	W. F. Rogers, N. Y.	J. L. Watson N. Y.	J. F. Lovering, Mass.
11	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Wm. Cogswell, Mass.	W. F. Rogers, N. Y.	J. L. Watson, N. Y.	J. F. Lovering, Mass.
12	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Wm. Cogswell, Mass	Matthew Hall, Pa.	J. L. Watson, N. Y.	J. F. Lovering, Mass.
13	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Wm. H. Baldwin, O.	Chas. W. Raphun, Md.	Wm. B. Jones, Pa.	J. F. Lovering, Mass.
14	Wm. Ward, N. J.	Geo. B. Squires, N. Y.	Jas. R. Carnahan, Ind.	A. C. Hamlin, Me.	J. F. Lovering, Mass.

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STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN ON QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

1880.	*No.*	*Favor of.*	*For.*	*Amount.*
July	7, 1	J. K. Davison,*	Badges	$2120 50
	7, 2	Krebs Lith. Co.,	Letter heads	15 00
	16, 3	S. P. Town,	Printing	63 40
	21, 4	Wm. Ward,*	Exp. to Dayton, 1880	19 50
	21, 5	Rev. J. F. Lovering,*	" "	40 45
	21, 6	J. A. Joel,*	Roster in G. A. Gazette	36 00
	21, 7	S. P. Town,*	Printing	15 00
	23, 8	Moss & Co.,	Descriptive Books	152 00
	23, 9	"	Printing and books	41 90
	31, 10	Chas. Ott,	Headquarter flag	49 00
Aug.	5, 11	Town Printing House,	Electro. R. & R.	56 00
	10, 12	J. K. Davison,	Badges	349 00
	11, 13	D. M. Ferguson,	Printing R. & R.	113 50
Sept.	4, 14	Town Printing House,	Printing	23 00
	4, 15	Jacob Adler,	Engrossing Comm's	17 75
	4, 16	Mackellar, Smiths & Jordan,	Electrotyping Badge	30 00
	4, 17	Reen & Trump,	Lith. Transfers, &c.	147 00
	8, 18	Corlies, Macey & Co.,	Lithographing Charter	92 00
	8, 19	J. K. Davison,	Badges	855 00
Oct.	5, 20	J. H. Culbertson & Co.,	Printing Form H.	32 75
	6, 21	J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	Printing Rituals, &c.	305 40
	6, 22	Moss & Co.,	Printing	116 44
	23	Spoiled.		
	9, 24	Corlies, Macey & Co.,	Printing Charters, &c.	42 50
	20, 25	J. K. Davison,	Badges	600 00
	20, 26	Reen & Trump,	Lithographing	75 00
Nov.	4, 27	Kretschman & Bro.,	Printing	57 00
	18, 28	Wm. Ward,	Clerical Expenses	300 00
Dec.	13, 29	Fairmount Park Associa'n,	Cannon Metal	412 83
1881.				
Jan.	10, 30	J. K. Davison,	Badges	350 00
	12, 31	J. K. Davison,	Badges	275 00
	12, 32	R. B. Beath, A. G.,	Acct. of Salary	700 00
	13, 33	Moss & Co.,	Printing	67 25
Feb.	17, 34	J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	Printing Manuals	196 45
	18, 35	Ferguson Bros. & Co.,	Print'g Rules and Reg.	50 50
	19, 36	J. K. Davison,	Badges	512 50

1881.

Apl.	8, 37	Ferguson Bros. & Co.,	Printing	25 00
	8, 38	Moss & Co.,	Printing	55 35
	13, 39	J. K. Davison,	Badges	409 00
	13, 40	J. K. Davison,	Badges	447 50
	13, 41	J. K. Davison,	Badges	619 00
June	3, 42	J. K. Davison,	Badges	655 00
	3, 43	J. K. Davison,	Badges	1215 00
	3, 44	Moss & Co.,	Printing G. O., &c.	68 75
	3, 45	S. P. Town,	Print'g Applications, &c.	50 40
	3, 46	Ferguson Bros. & Co.,	Printing R. & R.	25 00
	3, 47	Chaplain in Chief,	Traveling Expenses	23 90
	3, 48	S. P. Town,	Printing	99 00
	3, 49	R. B. Beath, A. G.,	Balance of Salary	500 00
	3, 50	R. B. Beath, A. G.,	Ex. C. of A., Phila., 1880	367 10
	3, 51	R. B. Beath, A. G.,	Traveling Expenses	112 37
	3, 52	R. B. Beath, A. G.,	Office Furniture	83 95
	3, 53	Mackellar, Smiths & Jordan,	Electrotypes	105 00
	3, 54	Sundries,	Printing, &c.	87 75
	6, 55	J. K. Davison,	Badges	2860 00
	6, 56	Reen & Trump,	Lithographing	44 10
	6, 57	Jacob Adler,	Engrossing Commis'ns	22 50
	6, 58	Ferguson Bros. & Co.,	Printing R. & R.	15 00
	6, 59	Horstman Bros. & Co.,	Badge Ribbon	12 00
	6, 60	Robt. B. Beath,	Postage 190 27	
			Freight, etc. 45 55	
			Telegrams, 15 48	
			Miscellaneous 15 85	267 15
	6, 61	R. B. Beath,	Charity Account	47 36
	6, 62	R. B. Beath,	Traveling Expenses	55 48
	6, 63	Departm't of Penna.,	Office Rent, one year	300 00
	6, 64	J. K. Davison,	Alloy for Badges	51 60
	6, 65	Moss & Co.,	Prin'g Leaves of Abs'ce	35 00
			Total	$16,088 88

*Orders marked thus * were for bills incurred in previous year.

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SYNOPSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous Printing.

Grand Army Gazette, 1879–80	$36 00	
S. P. Town, Sundries	28 65	
Moss & Co., General orders and sundries	311 19	
Reen & Trump, Lithographic letter heads	57 00	
Krebs Lith. Co., " "	15 00	
Corlies, Macy & Co., " com. elected officers	42 50	
" com. appointed officers	37 00	
Jacob Adler, Engrossing commissions	40 25	
Kretschman Bros., Sundry printing	9 50	
D. M. Ferguson, " "	19 75	
Folio slate, letter book and advertising	6 60	
		$603 44

Office Furnishing.

Seal press	$26 50	
Desk light	9 75	
Walnut case	26 95	
Chairs	7 50	
Headquarters sign	7 50	
Slate	3 50	
Repairing trunk	2 25	
Copy press	15 00	
Silk headquarters flag	49 00	
		147 95

Charity Account.

Sundry persons		47 36

Office Expenses.

Postage	$190 27	
Freight, express and boxes	45 55	
Telegraphing	15 48	
Rent for year	300 00	
		551 30

Salary Account.

Adjutant-General	$1,200 00	
Quartermaster-General for clerical help	300 00	
		1,500 00

Traveling Expenses.

National Council of Administration, Oct., 1880	$367 10	
Adjutant-General Beath	167 85	
Quartermaster-General to Dayton	19 50	
Chaplain-in-Chief "	40 45	
" " East	23 90	
Committee on Ritual	11 25	
		630 05

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.

Badges.

4,241 badges for last administration	2,120 50	
18,174 " this "	9,087 00	
Fairmount Park Art Association, cannon, 2502 lbs., at 16½c	412 83	
Hauling same	5 00	
13 pieces ribbon extra	67 00	
Badge envelopes, 10,000	30 00	
300 lbs. alloy	51 60	
		11,773 93
Rituals, 4,025	305 40	
Extra page	10 00	
" binding	20 25	
3000 parts, on cards	21 00	
		356 65
Rules and Regulations, 9500	180 75	
Electrotype plates	41 00	
		221 75
Descriptive books, 498		152 00
Medical descriptive books, 200		60 00
Manuals, 3000		196 45
Applications, 23,350	97 40	
Electrotype	9 75	
		107 15
Transfers, 4255		134 10
Discharges, 2525		75 00
Leaves of absence, 4000		35 00
Charters, 500		55 00
Electrotypes, No. 1, 48	36 00	
No. 2, 138	69 00	
Engraving	30 00	
		135 00
Form A, 10000		74 00
" B, 10000		40 00
" D, 1000		7 00
" F, 5000		37 00
" G, 1000		16 00
" H, 5000		32 75
		$16,988 88

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND BALANCES FOR SUPPLIES.

Departments.	Receipts.	Balances.	
		Dr.	*Cr.*
Maine	$ 383 45	.....	.....
New Hampshire	536 25	$ 211 60	.....
Vermont	141 10	.....	.....
Massachusetts	1875 50	.....	.....
Rhode Island	92 95	.....	.....
Connecticut	386 15	.....	.....
New York	2542 00	.....	.....
New Jersey	704 55	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	4840 09	.....	.....
Delaware	153 00	.....	.....
Maryland	272 71	.....	$ 31
Potomac	253 58	43 20	.....
Virginia	47 75	3 16	.....
Ohio	733 05	637 26	.....
Indiana	289 00	119 00	.....
Illinois	1029 43	.....	.....
Iowa	229 38	.....	.....
Kansas	73 46	61 60	.....
Nebraska	675 66	.....	.....
Michigan	162 19	26 80	.....
Wisconsin	114 29	.....	25
Mountain	186 95	.....	.....
California	594 19	.....	.....
Washington Territory	43 63	12 50	.....
Florida	13 01	.....	2 83
Missouri	15 25	75 80	.....
Minnesota	90 29	51 48	.....
Utah	33 39	3 56	.....
West Virginia	41 13	19 43	.....
Louisiana	18 90	.....	.....
Sundries	7 72	.....	.....
Total	$16580 00	$1265 39	$3 39

Articles.	Charged.	Received from A.G. Stevens.	Received since.	Total Received.	Issued.	On hand	Value, at cost.
Sets Ritual	50c. per set	202½	2012½	2215	1710	505	$45 45
Services	25c. each	1122	None.	1122	1119	3	60
Rules and Regulations	5c. each	None.	9500	9500	9011	489	12 22
Form A (Report of Adjutant)	Free of cost.	3530	10000	13530	11502	2028	10 00
" B (" Quartermaster)	Free of cost.	2833	10000	12833	11569	1264	4 95
" C (" A. A. G.)	Free of cost.	1159	None.	1159	627	532	4 00
" D (" A. Q. M. G.)	Free of cost.	122	1000	1122	1054	68	40
" E (" Inspector)	Free of cost.	573	None.	573	437	136	2 00
" F (" Post Surgeon)	Free of cost.	1390	5000	6390	4450	1940	11 64
" G (" Med. Director)	Free of cost.	14	1000	1014	320	694	3 40
" H (" Post Inspection)	Free of cost.	540	5000	5540	4572	968	6 00
Applications	75c. per 100	*	30025	30025	30025	None.	....
Leaves of Absence	$3.00 "	1700	3638	5338	1588	3750	30 00
Transfers	3.00 "	215	4255	4470	3037	1433	42 00
Discharges	3.00 "	640	2525	3165	2095	1070	31 00
Post Charters	25c. each	56	500	556	462	86	9 46
Descriptive Books	75c. "	1	498	499	395	103	31 93
Badges, membership	60c. "	865	18174	19039	18979	60	30 00
Badge Ribbons, single	10c. "	15	180	195	152	43	1 29
Pieces "	$7.50 "	.....	11	11	11	.....	.....
Med. Descriptive Books	35c. "	139	255	394	369	25	6 25
Manuals	10c. "	.....	3000	3000	2408	592	34 40
Bound Proceedings		15	.....	15	.....	15	.....
Electrotypes, No. 1	$1.00 "	.....	48	48	33	15	11 25
" No. 2	75c. "	.....	138	138	121	17	8 50
Total							$336 74

* Unfit for issue and destroyed

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AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Quartermaster-General			$7065 74
Ledger Balances by Departments	$1265 39		
Less overpayments	3 39		
			1262 00
Supplies, cost			336 74
Property Account.			
Seal Press, cost	$26 50		
Desk, light, cost	9 75		
Walnut Case, cost	26 95		
Chair, cost	7 50		
Copy Press, cost	15 00		
		85 70	
Desk		90 00	
Flag		49 00	
			224 70
Cannon metal			293 00
			$9182 18

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
June 15, 1881.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

COMRADE:

I have the honor to submit my report of the business of this office from May 18, 1880, the Council of Administration having audited my accounts to that date, found them correct, and so reported to the National Encampment, and the National Encampment approved the same.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per report of May 17, 1880		$ 2615 27
Received from Comrade I. B. Stevens, late Adjutant-General		1064 05
Received from Comrade Robt. B. Beath, Adjutant-General		16580 00
Per capita tax, arrears, 1879		41 55
Per capita tax, first quarter, 1880	$722 00	
Less reported last year	240 80	
		481 20
Per capita tax, second quarter, 1880		790 46
Per capita tax, third quarter, 1880		831 24
Per capita tax, fourth quarter, 1880		854 08
Supplementary returns, 1880		113 71
Per capita tax, first quarter, 1881		683 06
		$24054 62
Less disbursements on orders below		16988 88
Balance cash in hand		$ 7065 74

STATEMENT OF ORDERS PAID.

No. 1	$2120 50	No. 18	$ 92 00	No. 34	196 45	No. 50	367 10
2	15 00	19	855 00	35	$ 50 50	51	112 37
3	63 40	20	32 75	36	512 50	52	$ 83 95
4	19 50	21	305 40	37	25 00	53	105 00
5	40 45	22	116 44	38	55 35	54	87 75
6	36 00	23	.....	39	409 00	55	2860 00
7	15 00	24	42 50	40	447 50	56	44 10
8	152 00	25	600 00	41	619 00	57	22 50
9	41 90	26	75 00	42	655 00	58	15 00
10	49 00	27	57 00	43	1215 00	59	12 00
11	56 00	28	300 00	44	68 75	60	267 15
12	349 00	29	412 83	45	50 40	61	47 36
13	113 50	30	350 00	46	25 00	62	55 48
14	23 00	31	275 00	47	23 90	63	300 00
15	17 75	32	700 00	48	99 00	64	51 60
16	30 00	33	67 25	49	500 00	65	35 00
17	147 00						

RECEIPTS OF PER CAPITA TAX.

Department.	1880 First Quarter	1880 Second Quarter	1880 Third Quarter	1880 Fourth Quarter	1880 Supplemental.	1880 Total.	1881 First Quarter
Maine	$24 47	$24 58	$28 08	$28 77	.....	$105 90	$ 30 50
N. Hamps'e*	32 22	36 45	38 73	40 02	.....	147 42	.....
Vermont	8 30	7 31	7 43	10 34	$2 70	36 08	10 93
R. Island	9 09	9 68	9 74	9 89	.....	38 40	9 71
Connecticut	21 95	23 82	24 48	24 12	.....	94 37	24 27
Massachus'ts*	116 00	102 56	115 02	102 86	84 93	521 37	.....
New York	114 59	131 80	134 81	147 31	15 79	544 30	148 78
New Jersey*	32 69	37 60	42 55	46 59	.....	159 43	47 77
Pennsylvania	214 14	245 90	260 66	263 41	94	985 05	267 99
Maryland*	22 02	24 81	26 18	26 79	.....	99 80	25 53
Potomac*	8 21	9 11	9 41	10 11	.....	36 84	11 94
Virginia*	3 56	3 54	3 62	4 04	.....	14 76	3 87
Ohio	18 81	22 63	27 29	28 46	.....	97 19	.....
Indiana	9 54	13 23	.....	.....	.....	22 77	.....
Illinois	28 50	27 90	33 48	32 70	5 25	127 83	35 74
Wisconsin	6 68	7 67	4 18	7 57	4 10	30 20	7 03
Mountains*	4 08	3 89	3 36	3 09	.....	14 42	.....
Iowa	9 22	7 57	8 17	8 10	.....	33 06	.....
Louisiana*	89	90	93	95	.....	3 67	1 08
Nebraska*	17 45	22 96	28 36	29 74	.....	98 51	28 90
California	9 75	11 70	11 62	11 58	.....	44 65	12 77
Michigan*	3 68	5 22	5 00	7 23	.....	21 13	8 38
Wash'n Terr.	1 11	1 11	95	1 02	.....	4 19	.....
Delaware	.....	2 34	2 58	3 96	.....	8 88	.....
Florida	.....	50	44	45	.....	1 39	.....
Minnesota	.....	63	69	1 50	.....	2 82	2 93
Kansas	5 05	5 05	3 48	3 48	.....	17 06	.....
Missouri							2 40
W. Virginia							1 53
Utah							1 01
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Department.	1879 First Quarter.	1879 Second Quarter.	1879 Third Quarter.	1879 Fourth Quarter.	1879 Total.
Virginia	.....	.....	$3 30	.....	$3 30
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	$24 84	24 84
Kansas	$2 90	$2 77	4 10	3 64	13 41
	$2 90	$2 77	$7 40	$28 48	$41 55

*Included in statement last year, page 683 Journal, for first quarter, 1880.

My report of May 17, 1880, gave a balance in the Newark Savings Institution of one thousand and forty-three dollars and one cent ($1043.01). January 27, 1781, the institution made a payment of ten per cent., amounting to two hundred and eight dollars and fifty-six cents ($208.56), thus leaving in the said savings bank eight hundred and thirty-four dollars and forty-five cents ($834.45). Sixty per cent. of the original deposit has now been received, with a fair prospect of the whole amount being paid at no distant day.*

In closing this report, I desire to extend the Commander-in-Chief my warmest thanks for the distinguished honor of the appointment received and the privilege of serving upon his staff during the past year, also to all the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic for continued kindness and courtesy throughout my term.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM WARD,

Quartermaster-General.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND, June 4, 1881.

Comrade LOUIS WAGNER,

Commander-in-Chief,

and Comrades of the National Encampment.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADES:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector-General for the current official year now just closing.

I have received reports from the following Department Inspectors, of the work and condition of their respective Departments, and with each I give a synopsis of the work and condition of each Department.

NEW JERSEY.

From Comrade J. M. Stradling, Inspector for New Jersey, I learn that the condition of that Department is prosperous. Twelve Posts have been mustered in during the year, and there has been an increase of nearly 1500 during the year. There is an increased interest on the part of all the Comrades. In the Post room the officers, as a rule, have done their duty well, following the ritual strictly and in most instances committing it to memory. Many of the Posts have established relief funds, and now have for each Post a relief fund ranging from $50.00 to $2200.00. Post 37, at Camden, shows the remarkable growth of 347 members during the year, having started with 75 members and now having 422. This Post shows $2292.00 in the Post fund, has a library of 300 volumes and has expended a

*Included in balance cash on hand.

large sum in relief. From a careful examination of the affairs of this Department, I find it to be in a very flourishing condition, with 50 Posts and a total membership of 3106.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Comrade R. P. Staniels, Inspector for this Department, reports that almost all the Posts of his Department have made material gains during the year and that the ritualistic work is vastly improved. The officers and members are generally uniformed. The charitable feature of the Grand Army of the Republic has been carefully looked after, some of the Posts paying weekly benefits in case of sickness. This Department closed the year with 53 Posts and 2751 members, with $4735.95 in the relief fund and $2573.75 expended for relief.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The report of Comrade George W. Creasey, Inspector of this Department, is the most complete report that has been made to me, and at this time I can but congratulate the Department of Massachusetts in being possessed of so efficient an officer.

This Department, on January 25, 1881, had 129 Posts, of which number 123 had been inspected during the year. Of the 123 Posts so inspected, 30 were reported in excellent condition, 53 were reported in good condition, 37 fair, 3 poor.

The aggregate membership at the time of the inspection was 8851. The Posts are classified, as to relative strength, as follows: 1 Post, No. 5 at Lynn, 516 Comrades; 2 Posts, No. 10 at Worcester and Post 34 at Salem, numbering between 300 and 350 Comrades each; Post 39 at Lawrence, between 200 and 250 members; 8 Posts 150 to 200 each; 12 Posts 100 to 150 each; 11 Posts 75 to 100 each; 30 Posts 50 to 75 each; 41 Posts 25 to 50 each; 12 Posts 20 to 25 each, and 5 Posts numbering less than 20 each.

The reports of the inspecting officers show a very great improvement in membership, interest and usefulness.

The Inspector reports an excellent condition in the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Departments, showing these officers to be honest, capable and efficient, and but few errors are found.

The work of exemplifying the Ritual has been entered into very systematically, by appointing stated times and places for this purpose, and then inviting a number of Posts to assemble at the time and place for instruction and to witness the work. And I would recommend that this plan be adopted by other Departments. It results in good, not only in exemplifying the work, but in bringing large numbers of the Comrades together and increases their interest in Grand Army matters, and promotes that fraternity of feeling that should characterize our Order.

In this Department there are 100 Posts that have a relief fund amounting in the aggregate to $62,207.89, an increase of $4343.51 over last year.

They had disbursed during the year ending September 30, 1880, $19,291-.77, or $1462.22 more than the previous year. The largest amount reported

in the relief fund of any one Post at that time was $7430.55, Post 58, Weymouth, having that amount. The largest amount disbursed by any one Post during the year was by Post 5 at Lynn, the amount paid from the relief fund being $2905.50. Twenty-one Posts pay weekly benefits in case of sickness or disability. A home for disabled soldiers has been purchased at a cost of $20,000 and is now ready to receive members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Three Posts own the buildings they occupy. One hundred and three Posts are uniformed; 651 muskets are owned by 98 Posts.

The general condition af this Department is excellent.

IOWA.

Comrade Peter V. Carey, Inspector of this Department, does not show his Department to be in as good condition as could be desired. There are reported 20 Posts nominally, but the membership is not reported for a number of the Posts, and it is impossible for me to ascertain the number of members in this Department. One Post pays benefits in case of sickness or disability, $3.50 per week. One Post has a relief fund, though a small one. There has been paid $152.25 for charitable purposes, as reported. No uniforms or arms.

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC.

Comrade John Cameron, of this Department, reports the membership of this Department which embraces only the District of Columbia, on Dec. 31st, 1880, as 674 in good standing, and on March 31st, 1881, 796 in good standing, an increase of 122 during the first quarter of 1881, which speaks well for the efficiency of the Department officers. Comrade Cameron has, as Inspector of this Department, performed his labors well, and has made a report to me for each quarter of the year.

He reports the Department in much better condition every way than it was last year, with gratifying prospects for the future.

Ritual work well performed, records well kept.

I visited this Department in March of the present year, and saw the majority of the members of the Department on parade. I spent a half day with Comrade Cameron, talking over the interest of the Department. I was not able to find the Department Commander, because of his being actively engaged in looking after his Department and away from his office. The present Department Commander is working earnestly for the building up of his Department.

I hereby give a tabulated statement of the condition of each of the six Posts of the Department, Dec. 31st, 1880:

Name.	No.	Members in good standing.	Ritual performed.	Uniformed, etc.	No. of muskets.	Attendance.	Interest.	Relief fund.	Expended.	Prospects.
John A. Rawlins....	1	116	No; partly	?	5	Fair	Yes	$291 00	$112 45	Fair
Kit Carson.....	2	142	Yes	⅔	5	Good	Yes	77 82	24 00	Good
Lincoln.....	3	231	Yes	⅓	5	Good	Yes	252 64	42 62	Good
O. P. Morton*..	4	70	From book	½	0	Good	Yes	.....	20 00	Good
Geo. G. Meade.....	5	70	Improving	½	0	Good	Yes	6 14	.....	Very good
John F. Reynolds..	6	45	Fairly	½	5	Poor	No	113 42	.....	Doubtful
Aggregate...	6	674	Fairly	Partly	20	Fair	Growing	$741 02	$199 07	Good

* Colored.

VIRGINIA.

Thomas P. Jones, Assistant Inspector-General, reports 6 Posts in this Department, with an aggregate membership, March 31, 1881, of 258 members. These Posts are all in good standing.

I have received a report from Department Inspector A. C. Fuller, of this Department, who reports for the year ending Sept. 30, 1880, the sum of $274.34 expended for charity, with the general condition of the Posts as good. Two Posts are armed and equipped. Two Posts are regular in attendance. Four Posts charge $3.00 for muster-in, and the remainder $1.50. Per capita tax, 12½ cents. Two Posts pay sick benefits, $2.00 per week.

RHODE ISLAND.

From the report of Comrade T. A. Barton, Inspector of this Department, I learn that all the Posts of this State have been inspected during the past year. Post No. 15, of Slatersville, is the only Post that has surrendered during the past year.

There are now, or were at the close of the year, ten Posts, with an aggregate membership of 668 members. Four Posts report a relief fund; the amount on hand is not stated. Aggregate amount expended for charity, $873.76, against $195.08 expended the previous year. Aggregate number of muskets owned, 13. Number of muskets in use, 19. The discipline of the Department is good, the records well kept, and the ritualistic work in most instances memorized.

From Assistant Inspector-General C. Henry Alexander I learn that the membership of this Department on April 1st, 1881, was 647.

NEW YORK.

Comrade B. F. Wright, Inspector of this Department, reports, to Sept. 30, 1880, the strength of this Department at 192 Posts, with a membership ranging from 21 to nearly 500 to each Post. The work in the ritual as a general thing is well done. The officers and guards for the most part are well equipped; the membership is not very largely uniformed and equipped. The officers and members as a rule are regular in their attendance, and exhibit an interest in their Posts. The records are very generally well kept. The orders from Department and National Headquarters are well kept and generally observed. The amount charged for muster-in varies form $1.00 to $3.00. Many of the Posts pay weekly sick benefits. The amount of money in the relief fund is not reported, excepting for a few of the Posts. The amount expended for charity varies from $2.00 by some of the Posts up to $3138.94 by another. All of the Posts have responded well where they have been called on for relief. The aggregate amount expended in relief is not given, though it is very large.

This Department is, as is well known to all, in excellent condition, and the only suggestion I would make is that the Inspector of the Department give the totals in making his report.

MAINE.

Comrade Wm. G. Haskell, Department Inspector of Maine, makes a most excellent showing for his Department for the year ending Sept. 30, 1880, with 33 Posts in excellent condition, numbering in membership from 10 to 211 for each Post. In most instances the work of the Ritual is strictly followed and well done. In some instances, where the Posts are weak in numbers and widely scattered in their membership, it is an impossibility to follow the Ritual in the "Muster-in" for lack of numbers. For instance, Post 1 has 10 members. Now, to furnish 12 officers, 4 guards and 1 guide is rather a difficult proposition. Four of the Posts have muskets of their own, and a few of the Posts have borrowed guns. As a rule the officers and guards are uniformed and equipped. The officers are regular in their attendance. Comrade Haskell reports the case of the Commander of Post 5, who was *forty* miles away from home lumbering, and drove that distance on the 18th of December, 1880, to be at home with his Post for inspection. At the Inspection of Post 21, although members were not sure the visit would be made, *every member*, forty-nine, came a distance of from three to eleven miles, with the mercury at 26° below zero, and attended the meeting. This surely shows an interest. The records are well kept. Orders are received, obeyed and preserved. Strange to say, every Post but one has made its reports and paid its taxes. Amount charged for muster in ranges from $1.00 to $5.00. But one Post pays weekly sick benefits. Ten Posts show a relief fund. The amount in this relief fund varies from $15.00 to $240.00, and the amount systematically expended for charitable purposes by the Posts ranged from $5.00 expended by one Post to $1101.13

expended by Post No. 2. A supplemental report just received shows the condition of this Department up to December 31, 1881. This report being furnished by Comrade J. E. Marshall, Assistant Inspector-General. On December 31st, 1880, the number in good standing in the various Posts, 1934. Expended in charity $2308.84—of which amount Post 2 had expended $1924.63. Comrade Marshall reports the outlook for the coming year very bright. This Department is to be congratulated on its choice this year of Department Commander. Comrade Haskell, the present Department Commander, has the interests of the Grand Army at heart, and will push the work with earnestness. There has been a gain of ten Posts since January 1881, and six more Posts will soon be organized.

VERMONT.

From Comrade H. M. Currier, Assistant Inspector-General, I get report of this Department, as he himself says, "in a very incomplete form," to September 30, 1880. This I am satisfied is not the fault of Comrade Currier. It seems that Vermont during the past year was troubled with politics; and as that is a disease that was generally contagious last year, it accounts in a great measure for the meagre reports. The prospects are now better in this Department for an increased interest and membership. His report shows 27 Posts in good standing, with an aggregate membership of 798, with $365.00 in the relief fund. Neither Posts nor officers are armed or equipped.

CONNECTICUT.

From Comrade Isaac B. Hyatt, Inspector of this Department, I have received a very carefully prepared report of this Department up to Dec. 31st, 1880. The inspections have been carried on in a very systematic manner, and are very complete. Summed up, it is as follows:

Total number of members in good standing	1,682
Total number of muskets owned by the Posts	110
Number of Posts whose officers and guards are uniformed and equipped	9
Number of Posts whose members are equipped	8
Largest amount charged for muster-in	$3.00
Smallest " " "	1.00
Number of Posts that maintain a relief fund	7
Total in relief fund	$1,366.52
Expended for charity during the year	693.47
Total amount of property owned by the Posts	4,626.85
Number of Posts classified as "Excellent"	9
" " " "Good"	5
" " " "Fair"	7
" " " "Poor"	2
Total number of Posts	23

The prospects for the Grand Army in this Department for the present year are very flattering. Many instances of great devotion to the Order in this Department are cited, particularly in the small Posts, where many come from eight to ten miles to attend the meetings of the Posts, and, what is more, are regular in their attendance. It would be of benefit if every Department could work up the same interest that is manifested by the Comrades of Connecticut.

MARYLAND.

Comrade Richard N. Bowerman, Inspector for Maryland, furnishes an excellent report of the condition of his Department. The Posts have each had a careful inspection. There was during the year ending Dec. 31, 1880, five new Posts mustered in, making in all 14 Posts in the Department. Most of the Post officers are uniformed and equipped. There is an aggregate membership of 1645 members, as shown by the report. Fifty dollars in relief fund, with five hundred and fifty expended during the year. The interest in the ritualistic work is very apparent, and the attendance on the meetings of Posts is good.

It has been my good fortune and pleasure to meet Department Commander Wm. E. W. Ross, and from him learn of the continued growth and prosperity of his Department. In talking with Comrade Ross, one is impressed with the conviction that those Comrades who have suffered the greatest and lost the most in the battles for the Union are the men who love the Grand Army most, and do most to keep the fires of our altars the brightest. It is from such men as Comrade Ross that the greatest lessons of the value of our nation may be learned. May our wounded and maimed heroes ever be held in esteem, reverence and love.

Comrade A. G. Alford, Assistant Inspector-General, under date of May 26th, 1881, makes report of inspections of various Posts in his Department affirming the report above cited, bringing his inspections down as late as May 24th, 1881, at which time he inspected the records of the Department and the Department staff, and concludes his report as follows: "I found the records in exceedingly good order, and kept in a very business-like manner. All the Department records are kept in one book, gotten up for the purpose by Gen. Ross. The book is in compact form, and so indexed as to be very convenient and complete. I think a book of this kind would commend itself to the use of all the Departments. The Department staff made a very fine appearance, and reflect credit upon the Department Commander."

NEBRASKA.

From Department Inspector P. Walsh comes a very encouraging report of this Department. To Jan. 1, 1881, from Dec. 31, 1879, he makes the following report as to the general condition of his Department:

		Posts.	Members.
In good standing Dec. 31, 1879		24	722
Gained by organization, etc., during 1880		32	1,403
transfer			2
re-instatement			12
		56	2,139
Losses by death	3		
honorable discharge	7		
transfer	10		
suspension	136		156
Remaining in good standing		56	1,983

The work is well performed, the officers uniformed and equipped, and regular in attendance. Amount charged for muster-in varies from $1.00 to $2.00. Per capita tax, 30cts. to 75cts. No regular weekly benefits are paid, but there has been paid in charity the sum of $270.00 during the year. The prospects for the coming year are good.

MICHIGAN.

J. C. Smith, Assistant Inspector-General, reports 9 Posts for this Department, all in good condition with one exception, with an aggregate membership of 355. There should be a larger membership in this State that did so nobly during the War, and it is to be hoped that greater exertions will be put forth to this end during the present Department year. The care of Department and National orders is good, and all reports from Posts have been made and forwarded with the exception of one Post. No benefits are paid for sickness, and the amount expended during the past year for charity was $31.31.

INDIANA.

Comrade Wm. H. Armstrong, of this Department, makes a very full and complete inspection report, bringing his inspections to include Dec. 31, 1880. There were at that date 23 Posts in the Department, with an aggregate membership, reported in good standing, of 1345. But one Post, No. 1, is provided with arms. The Department and National orders are preserved and obeyed by the Posts as a general rule. The muster-in fee varies from $1.00 to $3.00, the dues from 25 cts. to 50 cts. quarterly. But two or three of the Posts have established a relief fund, but all, whenever called on, have responded to the calls for aid. There is now in the relief fund, or was Dec. 31, 1880, $169.37, and there was expended during the year $321.88. The general condition of the Posts is good, and the members of the Posts take a very great interest in the Order. Since the above report was made, in fact within the past six weeks, a stronger interest is being manifested throughout the Department. New Posts are being organized, and there are more applications being made for information concerning the Order.

There needs to be more system, however, in the working and management of the Department than heretofore; and this will now be done, I believe. The Department should, and can, be made a very strong one. The headquarters of the Department are now centrally located, and the Department itself is in good hands.

The political fever reached Indiana to a certain extent the past year, and and doubtless had an effect to retard the growth to a certain extent. There should be in this Department some systematic manner for the collection of funds and the dispensing of charities. This, I have no doubt, will soon be arranged.

ILLINOIS.

Comrade Henry C. Cooke, Inspector for this Department, reports 43 live Posts, with an aggregate membership of 2310, the work in the Ritual well performed, a growing interest on the part of the Comrades, and a generally prosperous condition throughout the Department. But few of the officers of the Posts, or the Posts, are uniformed. There are 68 guns owned by different Posts of the Grand Army. The orders from Department and National headquarters are preserved and obeyed. The reports are, as a rule, made promptly by the Posts. The Posts as a rule have no regular relief fund, but meet all demands for aid that are made, during the past year, ending Sept. 30, 1880, having expended in charities $1,247.03. I have during the year met some of the officers of this Department, and find them very earnest in the cause of the Grand Army, and all very hopeful for the future.

CALIFORNIA.

This Department has, within the boundaries of the State, 15 Posts and has also provisional charge of 1 Post, the only one, in Oregon. In the 15 California Posts are gathered 713 Comrades, and in the Oregon Post 98 Comrades, making an aggregate of 811 in the Department of California. This is from the report made to include December 31, 1880. Comrade W. A. Robinson, Department Inspector, reports now, however, that the present actual strength is much in excess of this, as a large number of the members who were reported suspended December 31, have since been reinstated. The Department is in a very prosperous condition, 4 new Posts having been instituted during the past year and 300 new members mustered in. The officers and Posts are only partially uniformed and equipped. The members are regular in their attendance and a general interest is manifested. Orders are kept and none are missing. The amount charged for muster-in varies from $2.00 to $5.00. There is on hand, as a relief fund, $1111.48, and there was expended during the past year $1349.15. Says Comrade Robinson, "The Grand Army of the Republic is now in better condition in this Department, as to its influence in the community, than ever before." He also recommends that Oregon be made a permanent portion of the Department, and that California, Oregon, Nevada and

Arizona be constituted the Department of the Pacific. This was done at the last National Encampment, but no orders have been issued to carry out the work. The interest now manifested in this State compares very favorably with that of older States and Departments.

This now completes all the reports I have received from the different Departments. There seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of Inspectors as to the making of reports. This should not be. Many of the Inspectors have reported to me that they had sent their reports to the Department headquarters, but no copy has been sent to this office.

I have received no report from the Department of Pennsylvania* and cannot give, from official report, the exact status of that Department. I know, however, from personal visitation, that it is a thoroughly live Department. I visited the headquarters of this Department, and was shown by the Department Commander and his staff the books and manner of managing the Department. The National Encampment may well be proud of the Department of Pennsylvania, as the entire Union army was proud of her soldiery during the war. This Department is more completely equipped than any other I have visited.

From Ohio,* I have no official report of Inspectors. I know, however, from visitations in that Department, that the interest in the Grand Army is growing very rapidly. Since January, 1881, 40 new Posts have been mustered in for this Department. The Posts have organized for a systematic work in spreading the Grand Army of the Republic in their Department; this includes the hunting out of soldiers and bringing all who are worthy into our ranks.

From a personal visit to the Department of Massachusetts, I can but add a verification of what I have reported herein. In this Department, the Legislature has made Memorial Day a legal holiday, and I would recommend that each Department take steps to have the Legislatures of the different States enact the same law.

The observance of Memorial Day is becoming more and more general, and to the Grand Army of the Republic belongs the praise.

I would recommend further, that this National Encampment should pass some Rule and Regulation whereby Auditing Committees should be required to make more thorough and careful examination of the accounts of officers than is found in many Departments.

During the year, now just closing, I have been brought into quite an extensive correspondence with the different Departments. The greatest amount of the correspondence has been in regard to the work of the revised Ritual. There are some matters that are difficult to understand unless the work is taken up systematically from first to last. There are some portions that, in my judgment, should be modified, and some that should be entirely stricken out as unsoldierly. These particular matters

*These Departments claim to have duly forwarded complete reports. R. B. BEATH, A.-G.

cannot, of course, be spoken of in a report that may become public, and I shall take occasion to speak of them during the Encampment.

I wish, in this connection, to express my thanks to the different Department officers, both those whom I have met personally and those with whom I have had official correspondence, for their uniform kindness and courtesy towards me both personally and officially. To the Commander-in-chief and his staff, I shall ever bear the kindest and warmest feelings one comrade can have for another, and trust that the kindly relations that have existed between us may ever continue. To the successor of the pres-Commander-in-chief, I can only wish for him that his success, and the growth and prosperity of the National Department, shall be equal to that of the present Commander-in-chief.

I am, Sir and Comrades, yours in F., C. and L.,

JAMES R. CARNAHAN,
Inspector-General.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL.

JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 4, 1871.

ROBERT B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

COMRADE:

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit this my annual report.

But one question has been submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief for decision. You will find opinion annexed.

I have been called upon to construe various provisions of the Rules and Regulations, but as no new question has been involved, no opinions have been furnished, reference to the printed opinions of my predecessors being sufficient.

A more thorough knowledge of their duties on the part of the Post officers would save this office much annoyance and unnecessary labor, as most of the correspondence is conducted with those who ignore regular channels, and whose frivolous questions would never reach this office if forwarded properly.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE B. SQUIRES,
Judge Advocate-General.

OPINION 1. March 23, 1881.

Question.

Is the Commander-in-Chief *compelled* by the Rules and Regulations to convene a general court-martial whenever charges are preferred against any member or officer of the National Encampment, or can he exercise the discretion permitted to Posts under the rules prescribed in the Manual, page 31, relating to "petty cases" or charges "too trivial for a trial by court-martial"?

Opinion.

The right of the Commander-in-Chief to refuse to order a trial by court-martial is one already recognized by one of my predecessors, Judge Advocate-General Douglas, in opinion 65, page 52, Digest of Decisions.

It is a privilege accorded to the regular service, and is a right which has been exercised by previous incumbents of the high office on many occasions.

There is no paragraph in the Rules and Regulations which conflicts with this view of the case.

Were it otherwise, no Comrade would be secure against trial by court-martial on some trivial charge, the expense of which trial would seriously deplete the treasury and accomplish no good.

The rules referred to on page 31 of Manual are evidently intended to give to Posts a power which did not therein exist, and have no bearing upon the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

It is a rule of military law that subordinate officers, in forwarding charges and specifications, should examine the papers carefully before giving their endorsement, to the end that only such charges should be considered as bear unmistakable evidence that a serious offence against discipline or a grave crime has been committed.

This implies the right of a Department Commander to return charges which are "too trivial," or the trial of which would probably prove detrimental to the Order, And of course the same power in a higher degree must rest with the Commander-in-Chief.

I answer, then, that the Commander-in-Chief may use his own discretion as to whether a general court-martial shall be ordered or not.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

BANGOR, ME., June 5, 1881.

ROBERT B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

COMRADE:

Both your telegrams were received. Yesterday I sent you my excuse for absence of a report, but am ready to make out an elaborate one if I can obtain sufficient material to enable me to do so. My predecessor advised the discontinuance of these statistical reports, and the Medical Directors generally have approved of the advice.

I fail to see the utility of these reports unless they are made out with great correctness.

I am, however, ready to make an extended and careful report whenever I can obtain sufficient information.

Yours, in F., C. and L.,

A. C. HAMLIN,
Surgeon-General.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

A meeting of the Council was held after adjournment of the National Encampment at Dayton, Ohio, June 9.

Present—Commander-in-chief, Senior Vice Çommander-in-chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-chief, Adjutant-General, Chaplain-in-chief, Inspector-General, Quartermaster-General, Judge Advocate-General and the following members, Comrades Haskell, Linehan, Berry, Rowe, Smith, Suter, Chamberlain, Carey and Hanna.

The following were chosen as the Executive Committee, in accordance with resolution of the National Encampment: Comrades Way, New Jersey; Smith, Pennsylvania; Rowe, New York; Berry, Connecticut; Suter, Maryland.

It was decided that the Quartermaster-General should be allowed $300.00 for clerical expenses in his office, and that the expenses of the National officers or members of Council, traveling on official business, under the orders of the Commander-in-chief, should be allowed.

Comrades Squires, Way and Beath were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the retiring Adjutant-General and to dispose of the office furniture.

It was resolved that hereafter the expenses to the Encampment of officers, other than the Quartermaster-General, should not be paid.

Council adjourned.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Recorder.

PHILADELPHIA, October 5, 1880.

Pursuant to Section 9, Art. VI, Chap. IV, a meeting of Council was held this date.

Present—The Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant-General.

In accordance with notice to the officers and members, the Council was adjourned to meet in Independence Hall on Friday, Oct. 15, 1880.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Recorder.

INDEPENDENCE HALL,
PHILADELPHIA, October, 15, 1880.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met in the Chamber of Select Council, Independence Hall, this date.

Present—The Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, Inspector-General, Judge Advocate-General, Surgeon-General, Chaplain-in-Chief; Comrades Linehan, Berry, Smith, Thompson, Townsend, Kendall.

The Commander-in-Chief gave a general review of the work done during the term, and the Adjutant-General made a statement of the financial standing and strength of the Order.

Comrade Squires, from the committee, reported sale of chairs and carpets at Dayton for $54.00.

The Commander-in-Chief reported purchase of two 12-pound pieces of cannon from the Fairmount Park Art Association.

The action of the Commander-in-Chief in re-printing Rituals, and substituting the new edition to Posts without charge, was approved. It was also agreed that substitution should be made for all in the hands of the Departments.

The Department of Wisconsin was excused from payment of taxes for 2d, 3d and 4th quarters, 1879.

The Commander-in-Chief was authorized to proceed with printing a new edition of the Manual, to be issued to Departments at ten cents per copy.

Adjourned.

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Recorder.

[Report of the meeting of Council at the New Denison, Indianapolis, June 14th, will be found page 794, Journal.]

The Chaplain-in-Chief then read the following:

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

OFFICE CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF,
June 13, 1881.

ROBERT B. BEATH,
Adjutant General.

Comrade: There is much connected with the ordinary duties of this office concerning which it is impossible to make any detailed report. The public work I have attempted to do began on the evening of the day on which the last annual Encampment adjourned. At that time I was solicited to occupy the place of Governor Foster, of Ohio, and deliver an address at the graduating exercises of a Young Ladies' Seminary in Dayton, under the charge of Miss Belle Westfall, before a large and select audience; this was on June 9th, 1880.

The following 3d of July I gave an oration at the dedication of a soldiers' monument in Rutland, Mass. Since then I have made an address before Post 6, of Germantown, Pa.; another on the Sabbath beginning Grand Army week before the Posts of Philadelphia; another during that week at the dedication of a Grand Army Hall in West Philadelphia; another before Post 10, Worcester, Mass., on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, and two others in the same city before the Y. M. C. A. and the G. A. R. Post. I have also made two addresses on special occasions in Faneuil Hall and Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., in which specific reference was made to the G. A. R. and the soldier's work in the war. On the Sabbath evening before Memorial Day I delivered an oration to an exceptionally large audience in Mechanics' Hall, Worcester; on Memorial Day acted as Chaplain at services held in Boston in the afternoon, where His Excellency Governor Long delivered an oration, and in the evening gave an oration in Lowell. The day following I gave another oration in Boyleston, Mass. In addition to the above, I have, during the past year, visited and made brief addresses in nine departments, viz.: Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. I have attended during the year twelve camp-fires, one fair, and officiated at the burial of four Comrades, and, in connection with such burials, have preached two funeral discourses. My last public service was to preach a sermon before the George H. Thomas Post, of Indianapolis, June 12th.

The work I have had the honor to do under the auspices of the G. A. R. has brought me into familiar personal relations, not only with large numbers of our Comrades, but also with others who have in some way or other expressed their views concerning the Union soldier and the war of the rebellion. So far as I have understood and can interpret these views, I believe the following to be true:

1. The Union soldier stands for American manhood; a manhood strong in physical courage; a manhood sturdy in its devotion to the right—cautious, perhaps, but resolute. It does not easily take offence, but having done so, wishes for no compromise, and will give none till the right be vindicated. It will not expose itself unnecessarily, but being once aroused has the spirit of that order given by Gen. Dix: "If any man dare insult the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

2. The war of the rebellion showed unmistakably the fibre of heroism running throughout the American people—a heroism by no means restricted to any one section. It was as native to the South as to the North; it was as virile at the West as at the East. Because of this fact it was that our civil conflict was so intense, so full of *nerve and endurance.*

"When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war."

The war illustrated the inciting and continuous power of great ideas, good or bad, true or false. It is strangely ignored by many that a wicked idea has power. It does have power. Satan is no figment of the imagination, either as regards intellectual conception or spiritual being. There may be the devil in political government to destroy the nation, as there may be the devil in man to destroy the soul. Over against the power of a wicked idea is the idea which acknowledges virtue as the only sovereignty and righteousness as the only pledge able to secure out of the hot passion of battle a just and stable peace.

The war, therefore, confirms our faith in that law of liberty which respects the manhood in every man, despite all differences of race or color, and in that honest dealing which upholds human rights even at the sacrifice of blood. It should set a red seal to our conviction that principle is always better than policy; that, aside from every other consideration, the muscular force of virtue in political enterprise and national life is superior to the gymnastic agility of vice. A virtue, stalwart, persistent and heroic, will never hesitate at any sacrifice to perform any duty, however desperate, but in the spirit of that illustrious captain who conquered the rebellion, will fight it out though it take all summer—and winter, too.

If I might be allowed a word of exhortation to those who compose our organization, I would add:

Comrades, you are the living history of an immortal past. In your hearts pulses the life that once rallied with unconquerable enthusiasm, turned defeat into victory and shouted, "Sheridan is coming!" In your

hearts is the music that still echoes the bugle-call of Sherman, which gave the key-note to that chorus which *you* sang

"From Atlanta to the sea,
As *you* went marching through Georgia."

In your hearts glows a soldierly love for him who stands before the world an unmatched hero, a stalwart patriot, an incorruptible American citizen—Ulysses S. Grant.

You are the custodions of sacred memories. Ah, those memories are fast multiplying. Our conflict with time is more fatal, though it may be more bloodless than that in war. Within the last year 596 members of the Grand Army of the Republic have fallen in death. Thank God, in our faithful memory they belong to us still. "Our dead" are ours by a sacred right of possession. No mountain cliff is more enduring than that "rock of Chickamauga," George H. Thomas; and still above the smoke of the battle of Mobile we can see, as in life, the gallant form of brave old Farragut, while every grave of the humblest soldier or sailor is made honorable by the thought that he gave himself for the country so dear to us all. Let us cherish their memories as a treasure beyond price.

You are the trustees of that living power of patriotism which looks to a great future for our great Nation. In your hands to-day history, memory, hope—the past, the present and the future unite in all that is associated with, in all that enters into the actual life; in all that determines the prospects of the Grand Army of the Republic. Let us be true to it here and everywhere till there shall be, indeed, throughout this land of liberty one country and one flag.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

J. F. LOVERING,
Chaplain-in-Chief.

The Commander-in- Chief appointed the following committees:

On Report of the Commander-in-Chief—

Chamberlain, Illinois.
Conrad, Iowa.
Patterson, New Hampshire.
Jones, Pennsylvania.
Palmer, New York.

On Report of the Adjutant-General—

Roberts, New Jersey.
Keeler, Connecticut.
Pond, Michigan.
Alexander, Nebraska.
House, Indiana.

On Report of the Quartermaster-General—

Gibson, Potomac.
Lane, Maine.
Fitz Gerald, Mountain.
McCarthy, Connecticut.
Harper, Pensylvania.

On Report of the Inspector-General—

Houghton, New Jersey.
Burst, Illinois.
Bright, New York.
Fuller, Iowa.
Burdett, Potomac.

On Report of the Chaplain-in-Chief—

Durfey, Connecticut.
Richardson, Maryland.
Monroe, Massachusetts.
McClure, Illinois.
West, Mountain.

On Report of the Surgeon-General—

Brown, Pennsylvania.
Huggins, New York.
Adams, Massachusetts.
Pierce, Michigan.
Canfield, Ohio.

On Report of the Judge Advocate-General—

Baldwin, Ohio.
McCullough, Indiana.
Walkinshaw, Kansas.
Suter, Maryland.
Warren, New Hampshire.

On Rules, Regulations and Ritual—

Peirce, Massachusetts.
Vanderslice, Pennsylvania.
Kountz, Ohio.
Dukehart, Maryland.
Collins, California.

Vacancies existing in the committee appointed last year on *Woman's National Relief Corps* were filled, and the committee was then announced as consisting of—

Chaplain-in-Chief Lovering.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bowers.
Comrade Crabb, Nebraska.

Communications were then received from the following Departments, and referred to the appropriate committees. The papers are more fully referred to in the reports from the different committees:

New Hampshire.	To Committee on Rules, Regulations and Ritual.
Massachusetts.	To same committee.
New York	To special committee, consisting of—
	Hazzard, Pennsylvania. Meech, Massachusetts.
	Stimson, Mountain. Thomas, Wisconsin.
	Armstrong, Ohio.
New Jersey.	To Committee on Rules, Regulations and Ritual.
Pennsylvania.	To Committee on Surgeon-General's Report.
Ohio.	To Committee on Rules, Regulations and Ritual.
Iowa.	To same committee.
Illinois (Post 30).	To Committee on Report of Inspector-General.

On the call for communications from individual members—

Comrade Brodie, Potomac, presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were *adopted*:

WHEREAS, There is great delay in the examination and settlement of claims for pensions, and oftentimes the government is imposed upon by fraudulent claimants, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Pensions has, for several years past, in his annual reports, recommended certain changes in the laws as a remedy for the delays as well as a protection of the government against frauds, which recommendations have been very strenuously opposed upon the ground that their adoption would be against the interests of the soldiers; now, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of thirteen be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to inquire into the whole subject and make to the National headquarters a written report, with such recommendations in the premises as the subject may demand; such report to be submitted on or before the 1st day of September, 1881; and take such other steps as may be deemed necessary in the premises.

The following Comrades were appointed the committee:

Brodie, Potomac.
Swain, Illinois.
Young, Ohio.
Tanner, New York.
Beers, Connecticut.
Ames, Massachusetts.
Babbitt, New Hampshire.
Van Dervoort, Nebraska.
Ross, Maryland.
House, Indiana.
Burrows, New Jersey.
Vanderslice, Pennsylvania.
Carey, Iowa.

On motion of Comrade Ames, Massachusetts, the Commander-in-Chief and the incoming Commander-in-Chief were added to the committee.

Comrade S. S. Burdett, Potomac, presented the following:

WHEREAS, The articles of the convention for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded in armies in the field, signed at Geneva on the 22d of August, 1864, are intended to introduce and make universal the law of kindness and brotherhood in times of war, and so to palliate its horrors among the sick and fallen; and

WHEREAS, The principles formulated by the Geneva convention have been adopted by treaty by nearly all of the civilized nations of the earth, and are now presented for the sanction and adoption of the government of the United States by Miss Clara Barton, the delegate of the central commission having the matter in charge; and

WHEREAS, The beneficent purposes of the convention commend themselves with peculiar force to the remnants of the Grand Army of the

Republic, who remember the battle-fields and hospitals where their Comrades fell and suffered; therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Army of the Republic in National Encampment assembled, that the purposes of the Geneva convention meet our hearty approval, and its work is commended to the earnest attention of the treaty-making power, to the end that our own country, saved by the Grand Army, may be placed in the column of nations who recognize that the love of mercy may survive and conquer the evil passions engendered by war.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Miss Clara Barton, and that a copy be forwarded to the Secretary of State at Washington.

Unanimously *adopted*.

A recess was then taken until 2 P.M.

JUNE 15th, 2 P.M.

The Encampment opened in the usual form. The Journal of the morning session was read and *adopted*.

Comrade McCarthy, Connecticut, offered a resolution providing for rank badges for Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant. Referred to Committee on Rules, Regulations and Ritual.

A proposition to make a distinctive badge for Comrades who served in the Navy was referred to the same committee.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Swain presented resolutions of George H. Thomas Post of Chicago relative to *History and Publication*, and moved that the subject be referred to a special committee.

The motion was *adopted* and the following committee appointed:

Swain, Illinois.	Storrie, Pennsylvania.
Lovering, Massachusetts.	Massey, Delaware.
Thomas, Wisconsin.	

The following despatch was received from Past Commander-in-Chief Burnside:

ALTOONA, PA., JUNE 15, 1881.

Had started West in the hope to be with you to-day, but an imperative call home prevents. Present my kindest regards to the Comrades.

A. E. BURNSIDE.

The following was received from Past Commander-in-Chief Robinson:

NEW YORK, JUNE 15, 1881.

COMRADE R. B. BEATH, *Adjutant-General:*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—For the first time in twelve years I am unable to attend the National Encampment. Please communicate to the Commander-in-Chief and Comrades my sincere regrets, and assure them of my best wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN C. ROBINSON.

The Committee on the *Women's National Relief Corps* presented the following report, which was *adopted:*

WHEREAS, In several Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic legal organizations of women have been formed for the furtherance of charitable and other work, under the auspices of separate Posts; and

WHEREAS, In one instance, a State organization, called the Woman's State Relief Corps, has been formed, having in its jurisdiction sixteen subordinate corps, with a membership of between eight and nine hundred; and

WHEREAS, The President of that State organization, writing to your committee, says: "We earnestly hope the National Encampment may in its wisdom decide to authorize the formation of a Woman's National Relief Corps"; and

WHEREAS, This authorization signifies only a public recognition of their valuable and self-imposed service, without any responsibility or direction as to their works or methods; and

WHEREAS, We believe it to be our honorable privilege to recognize the magnificent loyalty displayed by the patriotic women of the North during the war of the rebellion, by their loving prayers in our homes, by their contributions to the Christian and Sanitary Commissions, and by their womanly fidelity and devotion on the battle-field and in the hospital; therefore

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the work which has already been done by the Woman's Relief Corps, and every other organization of loyal women, for the furtherance of the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved, That we approve of the project entertained of organizing a Woman's National Relief Corps.

Resolved, That such Woman's National Relief Corps may use under such title the words "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic by special endorsement of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, June 15, 1881."

Resolved, That should there be any necessity of any official communication between the Headquarters National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's National Relief Corps, it shall be through the office of the Chaplain-in-Chief, who shall be charged with the duty of making known this action at any convention called for the purpose of perfecting the organization proposed, viz., the Woman's National Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. F. LOVERING,
GEORGE BOWERS,
B. CRABB,
Committee.

Comrade Toombs, New Jersey, offered a resolution relative to the manner of taking the obligation.

Referred to Committee on *Rules, Regulations and Ritual.*

Comrade W. H. Wiegel, on behalf of the Council of Administration, presented the following:

PHILADELPHIA, June 14, 1881.

To the National Encampment:

The National Council of Administration would report that at a meeting held at Headquarters at the New Denison, this date, the financial accounts and reports of the several executive officers were submitted to them for audit, as required by the Rules and Regulations, and that a sub-committee consisting of Comrades Way, Hanna and Wiegel was appointed to make further examination of the same, whose report will be hereafter submitted.

After a careful examination of the several matters presented, the Council, by a unanimous vote, recommends to the National Encampment the adoption of the following *Resolutions:*

1st. That, in view of the increased work entailed upon the Adjutant-General, the salary of that officer for this year be fixed at fifteen hundred dollars, and that three hundred dollars be voted to the retiring Adjutant-General as compensation for extra services entailed upon him during the year.

Also that three hundred dollars be voted to the Quartermaster-General to pay for clerical help during the year.

2d. That the Account Books of the National Encampment shall be hereafter closed on the last day of the month preceding the Annual Session. All transactions after that date to be carried on a blotter, and to be taken up by the officers making the next annual reports.

3d. That settlements between the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General shall be made at least quarterly, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief.

4th. That the Adjutant-General be instructed not to fill requisitions for supplies, unless the same be accompanied by the money.

5th. That the General Orders and Circulars issued during the term shall be printed with the Journal of each session, and that all the General Orders and Circulars heretofore issued shall be printed with the Journal of this session.

The report was received, and the Resolutions considered *en seriatim.*

The first, second, third and fifth resolutions were *adopted* as reported.

The fourth resolution was, on motion of Comrade Meech, Massachusetts, amended by adding the words "or be sent C. O. D." and was then *adopted* as amended.

Comrade Durfey, from the Committee on the Report of the *Chaplain-in-Chief* presented the following:

To the Commander-in-Chief:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief recommend the adoption of the same and the passage of the resolution hereto attached:

WHEREAS, The Chaplain-in-Chief has shown by the report of his work during the past year a praiseworthy zeal in the performance of his duties; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of the National Encampment be tendered to Comrade Lovering for the faithful and zealous discharge of his duties as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Signed) H. M. DURFEY,
JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON,
A. C. MONROE,
GEORGE WEST,
J. D. McCLURE,
Committee.

Comrade Storrie moved that the report be adopted, and that the resolutions, properly engrossed and framed, be presented to Chaplain-in-Chief Lovering.

Unanimously *agreed to.*

Comrade Tanner moved that the resolutions be also handed to the press for publication.

Carried.

Comrade Chamberlain, from the Committee on Address of the *Commander-in-Chief*, presented the following report (the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in the chair):

The committee to consider the report of the Commander-in-Chief beg leave to submit the following:

1st. In reference to the proposition for the election of all the officers now appointed the committee recommend that the Quartermaster-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General be hereafter elected.

2d. That the per capita tax be fixed at four cents.

3d. That three Trustees be elected and that they be instructed to immediately invest five thousand dollars in interest-bearing securities.

4th. The committee cannot too highly commend to the National Encampment the valuable services rendered, at his own cost and expense, by Commander-in-Chief Wagner during the past year. His able report is conclusive evidence of his earnest work and devotion to the interests of our Order, and we can only hope that the same success that has attended

his efforts may attend those of his successor. The committee would, therefore, recommend that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a suitable testimonial to the retiring Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) E. W, CHAMBERLAIN,
W. F. CONRAD,
J. N. PATTERSON,
W. B. JONES,
JNO. PALMER,
Committee.

The resolutions were considered *en seriatim.*

The *first* resolution, after a lengthy discussion, was *lost.*

The *second* resolution was *adopted.*

The *third* resolution was, on motion of Comrade Alexander, Nebraska, amended by striking out the provision for election of Trustees, and directing the Commander-in-Chief and Quartermaster-General to make the investment. *Agreed to.*

Comrade Tanner moved to further amend by requiring the moneys to be invested in United States bonds, which was agreed to, and the resolution was then *adopted* as amended.

The *fourth* resolution was *adopted* by a rising and unanimous vote.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief appointed the following committee under the fourth resolution:

Chamberlain, Illinois. Massey, Delaware.
Adams, Massachusetts. Way, New Jersey.
Squires, New York.

Comrade Baldwin, from the Committee on *Judge Advocate-General's* Report, presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES.—The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Judge Advocate-General, respectfully submit that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it be accepted and adopted.

(Signed) W. H. BALDWIN,
JOHN H. SUTER,
O. B. WARREN,
W. D. McCULLOUGH,
J. C. WALKINSHAW,
Committee.

Comrade Peirce, from the Committee on *Rules, Regulations and Ritual,* reported on the several propositions referred to them as follows:

1st. On the propositions presented from the Departments of New Hampshire and Ohio, to amend the Ritual by striking out the requirement for blindfolding, the committee report favorably.

The recommendation was *not agreed to.*

This action was afterwards re-considered on motion of Comrade Taylor, Pennsylvania, who made the motion at the request of Comrade Denniston, Pennsylvania, temporarily absent from the hall, seconded by Comrade Storrie, Pennsylvania.

Comrade Massey, Delaware, moved to lay the motion to re-consider on the table. *Lost,* 56 yeas, 65 nays.

The motion to re-consider was *agreed to.*

The report of the committee, recommending that blindfolding be dispensed with, was then *adopted.* Yeas, 91; nays, 25.

2d. The committee report adversely to recommendation of the Department of New Hampshire changing the posture of the recruit at obligation.

The report of the committee was *adopted.*

3d. The committee also report adversely to the recommendation of Comrade Toombs, New Jersey, relative to the manner of taking the obligation.

The report was *adopted.*

4th. A similar report was made for a change of the language in the closing services requested by the Department of Illinois.

The report was *adopted.*

5th. On the amendment proposed by the Department of New Jersey to constitute retiring Department Commanders as members of the Department Councils of Administration for one year after their retirement from that office, the committee report adversely.

The report was *adopted.*

6th. The committee recommend the adoption of the device for Rank Badges for the Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant, as proposed by Comrade McCarthy, Connecticut, being *fac simile* of the chevrons for the similar positions in the regiment.

Adopted.

7th. The committee report adversely to the changes proposed by the Department of Massachusetts in Sections 3 and 4, Article IV, Chapter V, namely: To strike out "*shall* be suspended" in 3d Section and "*shall* be dropped" in 4th Section, and insert "may be suspended" or "may be dropped."

The report of the committee was *adopted.*

8th. In relation to the communication of F. C. Floyd, of Massachusetts, the committee recommend that no action be taken, and the Commander-in-Chief be requested to refer no further communications from him on this subject, the matter having been already disposed of by the Department of Massachusetts, the Judge Advocate-General and the National Encampment at previous sessions.

Agreed to.

9th. The committee also recommend that the proviso for *re-obligation of dropped members* on rejoining under Section 4, Art. IV, Chap. V, be re-inserted, and to further provide that they may be re-obligated in any Post in whose jurisdiction they may reside, upon the written request of the Post re-instating them.

On this amendment there was a general debate. The recommendation of the committee was *adopted*, 82 yeas, 23 nays.

Comrade Jaynes, New York, seconded by Comrade Tanner, moved to reconsider the vote. The motion to reconsider was *lost.*

10th. The committee further recommend to change Section 5, Art. II, Chap. II, so that rejected applicants shall not be eligible to any Post until six months after such rejection.

Adopted.

11th. The committee recommend that the *Installation services* of 1878 (with sundry changes noted and reported in the service book by the committee) be substituted in lieu of that now in use.

Adopted.

12th. On the proposition to make a distinctive Badge for Comrades who served in the Navy, the committee recommend that it be referred to a special committee, which was *agreed to.*

Comrades Luty (Pennsylvania), Meech (Massachusetts), McCarthy (Connecticut) were appointed such committee.

(Signed) HENRY B. PEIRCE,
J. M. VANDERSLICE,
JNO. S. KOUNTZ,
GRAHAM DUKEHART,
A. W. COLLINS,
Committee.

Comrade Beers, Connecticut, offered the following amendment to Art. VI, Chap. IV: To insert in Section 1, after the words "otherwise provided for," in sixth line from bottom of page, the words "and may

remove them at his pleasure," [authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to remove appointed officers, as already provided for Department Commanders.]

The amendment was placed before the Encampment without reference to a committee and was *adopted* by a unanimous vote.

Comrade Squires, from the committee to prepare for Past Commander-in-Chief Robinson a series of resolutions, ordered by the National Encampment in 1870, on the retirement of Comrade Robinson after two years of service, reported that the resolutions, handsomely engrossed and framed, would be presented to Comrade Robinson in the evening.

Comrade Beath, from the committee appointed at the last Encampment to prepare a testimonial to Past Commander-in-Chief Earnshaw, reported that the committee had selected a handsome gold badge, uniting the corps marks of the Armies of the Potomac and the Cumberland with the Grand Army rank badge, which would be presented to Comrade Earnshaw at this session.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the receipt by the Committee of Arrangements of a large number of letters from Comrades specially invited but unable to be present.

Comrade Palmer offered an amendment to paragraph 2d, Art. II, Chap. III, to strike out the words in brackets [for whom no proxy or substitute can act] and insert "In the absence of the Post Commander, the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent the Post."

Referred to the Committee on *Rules, Regulations and Ritual.*

The committee afterwards reported the above with a favorable recommendation, and the amendment was *adopted.*

Comrade Storrie moved that when the Encampment adjourned it should be to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, and that the election of officers be fixed at 10 o'clock.

After sundry amendments naming other hours had been voted down, and on a division of the question, the first part of the resolution fixing 9 o'clock for the hour of meeting was adopted, and the second part fixing the hour for election of officers was lost.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1881, 9 A.M.

The National Encampment was opened in usual form.

The Journal of the preceding session was read and adopted.

A communication from the Army and Navy Club of Boston, relative to legislation on pensions, was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A letter from Comrade J. G. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, Treasurer of the Reynolds Monument Committee, informing the Encampment that Joseph E. Temple, Esq., of Philadelphia, had donated $25,000 towards a monument to General Reynolds and asking the co-operation of the Grand Army, was read and, on motion of Comrade Storrie, a committee of three was appointed to take the necessary action on the subject.

Comrades W. W. Dudley, Indiana; Storrie, Pennsylvania, and Hastings, Massachusetts, were appointed as such committee.

Comrade Vanderslice presented a communication from the *Maimed Pensioners' League* asking the endorsement of their purposes in securing an increase of pensions, for those who had lost legs or arms, to forty dollars per month.

Referred to Committee on Pensions.

The Commander-in-Chief made a statement of his reasons for the discharge of a court-martial appointed by his predecessor for the trial of Comrade Emil Toering, Department of New Jersey.

The court had not met, there was no probability that it would, the Comrade had ceased to be a member of the National Encampment, and the matter in dispute was under control of that Department.

Comrade McCarthy, Connecticut, asked why the Committee on Revision of Ritual had not incorporated the odes in the new Ritual as instructed by the last National Encampment.

The Adjutant-General, from that committee, stated that the committee had not considered the resolution mandatory, being coupled with action required by the Council of Administration.

Comrade Squires moved that the matter be referred to a special committee, which was adopted, and Comrades Lovering, Wiegel and Dwyer were appointed.

They afterwards presented the following report, which was *adopted:*

The resolution adopted at the last Encampment appears to be exceedingly indefinite, as the instruction is that certain odes be inserted in the Unwritten Work of our Order—an instruction which it would seem impossible to obey.

Should such resolution, however, be construed to mean in the *Ritual* as printed, then the erratum belonging to this resolution includes other odes which may be approved by the Council of Administration.

Your committee are unanimous that there was not only no intention of ignoring the resolution itself, but that the terms of the resolution in itself vitiate any instruction it may appear to have.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that they be continued and report at the earliest day possible to the incoming Council of Administration.

(Signed) J. F. LOVERING,
WM. H. WIEGEL,
JOS. H. DWYER,
Committee.

Comrade Geo. L. Brown, from the Committee on report of the *Surgeon-General*, presented the following, which was adopted:

The committee appointed on the Surgeon-General's report respectfully offer the following: There being no report submitted to us, we would recommend the discontinuance of a statistical report, Form F, and substitute therefor a form to be arranged by the Surgeon-General, embracing the following points:

1st. The money value of all professional services rendered by the Post Surgeon.

2d. The name of a Comrade wounded.

3d. When wounded.

4th. In what part of the body.

5th. Age, and result of wound.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) GEO. L. BROWN,
W. Q. HUGGINS, M.D.,
B. R. PIERCE,
J. G. B. ADAMS,
G. S. CANFIELD,
Committee.

The special committee to whom was referred the resolutions of Geo. H. Thomas Post, Department of Illinois, relative to "*History and Publication*," reported as follows:

Your committee regard the subject of this reference as one of far more than ordinary importance in its bearing upon the records of the dead and living, and deem it eminently proper that it should be dealt with in a manner becoming its magnitude, and to that end your committee report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a standing committee of seven (of whom the Com-

mander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General shall be *ex-officio* members) be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to confer with the Secretary of War and others having charge of the publication of the Military History of the Rebellion in order that patent errors in military reports may be corrected, and impartial justice may be done to the memory of the dead and the living.

Resolved, That an auxiliary committee of one from each Department be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, on the recommendation of the several Department Commanders, whose duty shall be to collect matters relative to the military history of the troops of the several Departments, and forward the same to the chairman of the standing committee.

Resolved, That the headquarters of the committee shall be established at Grand Army Headquarters, and all correspondence shall be there addressed to the chairman.

(Signed) EDGAR D. SWAIN,
GEO. V. MASSEY,
A. M. K. STORRIE,
GRIFF. J. THOMAS,
Committee.

Comrade Gibson, from the committee on report of the *Quartermaster-General,* submitted the following, which was *adopted:*

INDIANAPOLIS, June 15, 1881.

To the National Encampment:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Quartermaster-General beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, in connection with the accounts and the vouchers, and find it to be correct, with the exception that that officer charged himself on the 17th June, 1880, with $24.47, received from the Department of Maine, instead of $24.27. The balance stated by the report of cash on hand should therefore be corrected so as to read $4552.50.

The committee regret that the statement of disbursements and of available assets, which are properly parts of the Quartermaster-General's report, are not printed as such, but in different parts of the printed pamphlet. This fact was not observed until the committee objected to the incompleteness of the report, in that it did not show the details of the expenditures, when the Quartermaster-General called our attention to these statements in places wholly disconnected from the reports.

The committee recommend that when the proceedings of this Encampment are printed the report of the Quartermaster-General be published as submitted by him, so that the receipts and disbursements may appear in detail and in connected order.

The committee further suggest that, in their opinion, a more satisfactory way to examine into the financial condition of the Grand Army would be

to refer the financial portion of the report of the Adjutant-General and the report of the Quartermaster-General to the same committee.

Submitted in F., C. and L.

(Signed) WM. GIBSON,
M. J. FITZ GERALD,
SAMUEL W. LANE,
SAM'L HARPER,
Committee.

Comrade Roberts presented the following from the Committe on Report of the *Adjutant-General:*

The committee appointed on the Adjutant-General's report have carefully examined the same and beg leave to submit the following to the National Encampment:

1st. That they earnestly concur in the suggestion in regard to the necessity of Post and Department officers following closely the *Manual of Instructions* issued for the guidance of the Grand Army of the Republic, and further that Department Commanders urge upon Post Commanders the study of this valuable work. Its instructions are so plain that many cases now sent to Department and National headquarters for decisions could be at once settled by reference to the Manual. Thus much unnecessary labor would be avoided.

2d. That the suggestion that the Assistant Adjutants-General and Assistant Quartermasters-General make requisition for supplies in quantities for several months should be complied with as far as practicable.

3d. That the suggestions that the requirement for a meeting of the National Council of Administration in October of each year should be stricken from the Rules and Regulations (section 9, Art. VI, Chap. IV), such meeting being unnecessary and expensive.

4th. That the matter of delay in making the *Returns* is of a serious nature and requires immediate action. The Assistant Adjutant-General of nearly every Department complains of the negligence of Post Commanders in making reports to Department headquarters. And the Assistant Adjutant-General, no matter how zealous he may be, has to submit to the unjust charge of being negligent; we therefore offer the following resolution:

That Department Commanders be recommended to publish in General Orders such Posts as fail to send in their reports within ten days after becoming due.

5th. Your committee deeming it not their province, do not touch upon the Financial Report, as that duty has been performed by the Council of Administration.

6th. That the report bears evidence of careful and painstaking labor, that its tabular statements are not only invaluable to the Order in general,

but are exhaustive and complete in every sense, and in view of these facts, your committee beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the National Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to Comrade Robert B. Beath for the very valuable and interesting report of the results of his labors as Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year ending June 16th, 1881.

That a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed, be presented to Adjutant-General Beath as a testimonial of the high appreciation in which the National Encampment holds his services.

(Signed) R. LLOYD ROBERTS,
GEO. W. KEELER,
C. V. R. POND,
S. J. ALEXANDER,
BEN. D. HOUSE,
Committee.

Comrade Vanderslice moved that the number of days ten named in paragraph 4 of the report be made to read twenty. *Agreed to.*

The report as so amended was *adopted.*

Comrade Houghton, from the Committee on *Inspector-General's Report*, made the following report, which was *adopted:*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., JUNE 16, 1881.

To Louis Wagner, Commander-in-Chief, and Comrades of the National Encampment:

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Inspector-General, to which was also referred the resolutions presented by the Department of Illinois, on the subject of admissions to the Soldiers' Home, having carefully examined and considered each, beg leave to report: That the absence of the Inspector's report from many Departments indicates the careless workings of the Departments or a disregard of the requirements of Rules and Regulations which, in our opinion, requires a change. To secure uniformity and a proper observance of existing requirements therein contained, we would suggest that Department Commanders require their Inspectors to furnish, with their report to him, a copy thereof, to be forwarded by the Department Commander to National headquarters for the use of the Inspector-General, retaining also a copy for future reference in case of loss in transmittal or otherwise.

The Inspection of Posts in the Department is a matter of great importance to the Order, requiring a thorough and careful performance of duty by the Assistant Inspectors. We would recommend to all Departments the adoption of the grade system in their inspections, it sustains the "excellent," encourages the "good," and urges the "fair" to renewed exertions.

It is an undisputed fact that those Departments whose Posts have adopted

a Grand Army of the Republic uniform are not only the largest in numerical strength, but take a deeper interest in the Order. It has been a great incentive to those Departments. We believe its adoption by others will prove its incalculable worth.

We approve the recommendations of the Inspector-General that in Departments, where it has not already been done, the Comrades urge upon the legislatures of their respective States the enactment of a law declaring the thirtieth day of May—"Memorial Day"—a legal holiday.

In regard to the recommendation that this National Encampment should pass some rule whereby auditing committees should be required to make more thorough and careful examination of accounts of officers than is found in many Departments, we are of the opinion that the Rules and Regulations invests the Department Council of Administration with authority sufficient to compel a proper examination of such accounts, and would therefore recommend that no action be taken.

The subject of amending the Ritual having already been disposed of by action of the Encampment, your committee have not entertained the subject.

In conclusion, we would suggest the importance of Posts providing themselves with copies of the new MANUAL and a sufficient number of Rules and Regulations to supply every Comrade with a copy, so that it may be thoroughly examined, to the end that they may fully understand the general workings of the Order.

The recommendations contained in the resolutions adopted by Stevenson Post, No. 30, Department of Illinois, are concurred in, with the exception that it be amended so as to read "and allow any honorably discharged Union soldier over sixty years of age the privilege," etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

(Signed) CHAS. H. HOUGHTON,
S. L. FULLER,
J. W. BURST,
S. S. BURDETT,
W. H. BRIGHT,
Committee.

The following is the communication referred to in the closing paragraph of above report:

"At a regular meeting of Stevenson Post, No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, May 18th, 1881, Comrade H. Hilliard introduced the following:

"WHEREAS, It appears that by the rules governing the admittance of soldiers to any authorized Home for Disabled Volunteers, none can be admitted unless they shall be able to show by record, or prove by evidence, that they were either wounded or disabled in the service, or have contracted some disease in the line of their duty as soldiers, which prevents them from earning a livelihood; and

WHEREAS, A large number of men who served during the War of the Rebellion their full term of service and were honorably discharged, and

who are now sixty years of age or over, and who, by reason of their age, now find it difficult to obtain employment, or earn even a very precarious livelihood, and who are worthy of admittance to any of these Homes. Therefore,

Be it resolved, by Stevenson Post, No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, That the Honorable Board of Managers of the National Homes for Disabled Volunteers be requested to take such action in the matter, as they may deem appropriate, to procure such legislation as may be required to change the rules governing the admission of ex-soldiers into the Homes, and allow any honorably discharged Union soldier, over sixty years of age, the privilege of becoming an inmate of the same, on presentation of proper evidence of his service, he having earned this right by his devotion and patriotism.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to Gen. John M. Palmer, of the city of Springfield, Illinois, who is a member of the Board, with a request that he bring the subject before the National Board for their action.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Commander of this Department, Comrade J. W. Burst, with a request that the Council of Administration of this Department, Grand Army of the Republic, be requested to take early action in this matter by addressing the National Board of Managers on the subject and ask their favorable action thereon at the earliest moment practicable; and also that our Representatives to the National Encampment, to be held in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, in June next, be requested to bring the subject before said Encampment for its favorable consideration.

Comrade Vanderslice asked that the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the *Maimed Pensioners' League.*

Not agreed to.

Comrade Hazzard, from the special committee on the resolutions from the Department of New York relative to slanderous publication, reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution from the Department of New York, asking that such "amendment be made to the Rules and Regulations as will make any Comrade amenable to court-martial who may by the use of tongue, pen or type be guilty of slandering a member of the Order," would respectfully report that, after a careful consideration of the subject, they deem it inexpedient at this time to recommend any legislation on this subject.

(Signed) CHILL W. HAZZARD,
H. G. ARMSTRONG,
JAS. F. MEECH,
E. K. STIMSON,
GRIFF. J. THOMAS,
Committee.

After considerable discussion, the report was recommitted, and the committee afterwards reported as follows:

After a re-examination of the subject and a careful reading of the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, your committee adheres to its former report, and believe that the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General should stand.

We believe that Art. VI, Chap. V, Rules and Regulations, is sufficient to meet all cases of discipline.

(Signed) CHILL W. HAZZARD,
H. G. ARMSTRONG,
JAS. F. MEECH,
E. K. STIMSON,
GRIFF. J. THOMAS,
Committee.

On the adoption of the report, the *yeas* and *nays* were called by Comrades Griswold, Connecticut; Burdett, Potomac; Palmer, New York; resulting as follows:

YEAS.

Rowe, New York.	Roberts, New Jersey.	Armstrong, Ohio.
Wiegel, Maryland.	Merritt, New Jersey.	Thomas, Ohio.
Townsend, Iowa.	Patterson, Penna.	House, Indiana.
Earnshaw, Ohio.	Hazzard, Penna.	Carey, Iowa.
Van Dervoort, Neb.	McNair, Delaware.	Guthrie, Iowa.
Patterson, N. H.	Smith, Delaware.	Conrad, Iowa.
Babbitt, N. H.	Massey, Delaware.	Brown, Nebraska.
Meech, Massachusetts.	Suter, Maryland.	Crabb, Nebraska.
Ames, Massachusetts.	Dukehart, Maryland.	Cook, Nebraska.
Merritt, Massachusetts.	Richardson, Maryland.	Thomas, Wisconsin.
Durfey, Connecticut.	Fyans, Virginia.	Stimson, Mountains.
Griswold, Connecticut.	Kountz, Ohio.	Fitz Gerald, Mountains.
Houghton, New Jersey.	Canfield, Ohio.	West, Mountains.—39.

NAYS.

Wagner, Penna.	Bright, N. Y.	Gibson, Potomac.
Swain, Ill.	Foote, N. Y.	Brodie, Potomac.
Bowers, N. H.	Huggins, N. Y.	Burdett, Potomac.
Lovering, Mass.	Jaynes, N. Y.	Oyster, Potomac.
Beath, Penna.	Goodrich, N. Y.	Hurlbut, Va.
Ward, N. J.	Tanner, N. Y.	Santmyer, Ohio.
Carnahan, Ind.	Titus, N. J.	Lease, Ohio.
Squires, N. Y.	Rockett, N. J.	Woodin, Ind.
Thomson, Potomac.	Taylor, Penna.	Miller, Ind.
Chamberlain, Ill.	Vanderslice, Penna.	McCullough, Ind.
Palmer, N. Y.	Jones, Penna.	Hager, Ind.
Gould, Ill.	Hicks, Penna.	Armstrong, Ind.

Lane, Me.	Anderson, Penna.	Burst, Ill.
Warren, N. H.	Harper, Penna.	Bennett, Ill.
Creasey, Mass.	Potter, Penna.	McClure, Ill.
Lovell, Mass.	Storrie, Penna.	Welch, Ill.
Wight, Mass.	Jackson, Penna.	La Baume, Ill.
Hill, Mass.	Denniston, Penna.	Powers, Iowa.
Barton, Mass.	Wilson, Penna.	Fuller, Iowa.
Bruce, Mass.	Loud, Penna.	Walkinshaw, Kan.
Monroe, Mass.	J. H. Gray, Penna.	Alexander, Neb.
Stone, Mass.	C. Gray, Penna.	West, Neb.
Peirce, Mass.	Luty, Penna.	Burr, Neb.
Dwyer, Mass.	Meade, Penna.	Clarkson, Neb.
Merrill, Mass.	Brown, Penna.	Pierce, Mich.
Adams, Mass.	Walker, Md.	Janes, Mich.
Beers, Conn.	Johnson, Md.	Pond, Mich.
Keeler, Conn.	Daneker, Md.	Collins, Cal.—85.
McCarthy, Conn.		

Yeas, 39. Nays, 85.

And the report was *not adopted.*

Comrade Thomas, commanding Department of Wisconsin, presented a minute on the death of Comrade Edwin A. Kendall, a member of the National Council of Administration, who died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 11th, as reported by the Commander-in-Chief.

Comrade Kendall had served in Company E, First California Cavalry, and was known as a thoroughly earnest Grand Army man.

Comrade Austin, Ohio, offered the following:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Encampment, the Rules and Regulations are ample for the trial and punishment of any Comrade guilty of falsely and maliciously defaming the character or military services of any member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The resolution was *laid on the table,* yeas 56, nays 45.

Comrade Palmer offered the following, which was *adopted:*

Resolved, That there is nothing in the decision of the Judge Advocate-General, Opinion 65, 1876, to prevent the trial of any Comrade for slander uttered by tongue, type or pen, on charges properly preferred.

Comrade Taylor, from Committee on the *Sons of Veterans,* reported as follows, and the report was *adopted:*

JUNE 16th, 1881.

Your committee on the Sons of Veterans beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter of an official recognition of this organization, and, while believing that an organization of this kind, based

solely upon its loyalty to our flag and country, is entitled to the respect and encouragement of our Order, we have not sufficient *data* upon which to base a recommendation for their full recognition.

They would recommend that in all Departments the Posts be instructed that, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, they are at perfect liberty to organize bodies of the Sons of Veterans, taking the necessary precautions to guard against any encroachments upon our Order.

The Sons of Veterans are all that their name implies; they are of the best blood of the land, and as such should be encouraged in following the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors.

We would recommend that a special committee be appointed to communicate with that organization, and obtain the necessary information in regard to its objects and aims, to enable the committee to report intelligently at the next National Encampment.

We also recommend to the Sons of Veterans a uniformity of name and organization, in which they shall not use the official titles of the Grand Army, and that they shall wear some prominent mark or badge or uniform to distinguish them from the Grand Army of the Republic.

Submitted in F., C. and L.

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR,
THOMAS HANNA,
W. S. McNAIR,
CHAS. L. YOUNG,
Committee.

Comrade Luty, from the Committee on *Naval Badges*, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to suggest an appropriate badge for Comrades who served in the Navy, respectfully report the following: A plain metal anchor (bronze or gold), shank one inch in length, with chain coiled around the stock and shank. To be worn in the centre of the top of the cap.

(Signed) FREDERICK LUTY,
JNO. McCARTHY,
JAMES F. MEECH,
Committee.

Which was *adopted.*

Comrade Collins, California, offered the following:

Resolved, That the States of Oregon, Nevada and California, and the Territories of Arizona and Idaho, be formed in one Department, to be known as the Department of the Pacific. All other Departments or Provisional Departments in conflict with this to be discontinued.

Comrade Baldwin moved that the resolution be referred to the in-coming Commander-in-Chief with power. *Agreed to.*

Comrade Tanner moved that the Encampment now proceed to nominate candidates for Commander-in-Chief, after which the Encampment shall adjourn until two o'clock P.M. *Adopted.*

NOMINATIONS.

Comrade McNair, Delaware, nominated Comrade Louis Wagner.

Comrade Wagner declined to allow the use of his name for re-election, thanking the Comrade for his complimentary mention.

Comrade Creasey, Massachusetts, nominated Comrade George S. Merrill, Massachusetts.

Comrade Stimson, Mountain Department, nominated Comrade Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska.

Comrade Woodin, Indiana, nominated Comrade Edgar D. Swain, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Comrades Peirce, Massachusetts; Cook, Nebraska, and Suter, Maryland, were appointed Tellers to conduct the election.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 16th, 1881, 2 P.M.

The Encampment was called to order at 2 o'clock, and opened in usual form. On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Comrade Tanner moved that the Adjutant-General be directed to enter on the records a proper minute of the appreciation of the Encampment for the many courtesies and kindnesses extended by the Meridian Club, the Posts and the Department of Indiana, the press and citizens generally, which was unanimously agreed to, and the following is inserted:

The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, before closing its fifteenth annual session, desires to put upon record its earnest thanks for the cordial reception extended by the constituted authorities of the State of Indiana, the city of Indianapolis, the Department Encampment and the citizens of Indianapolis generally.

The members of the National Encampment expected to receive a fraternal welcome at the hands of their Comrades of George H. Thomas Post, No. 17, and the Department of Indiana at large, but the magnificent manner in which they were received by His Excellency, Governor Porter and His Honor Mayor Grubbs, upon whose invitation the citizens of Indianapolis assembled in such large numbers at the reception tendered us last evening, as well as the more private welcome extended to us by the officers of the Meridian Club, Senator Harrison, and other residents of the city, exceed anything we had a right to expect. Therefore

Resolved, That the Adjutant-General be and is hereby directed officially to acknowledge the various courtesies tendered to us, and to express the hope that the ranks of the Grand Army in Indianapolis and in Indiana may be strengthened by the accession of many of our late Comrades in

arms, and that in the work in which we as an organization are engaged, we may not only merit but receive the commendation and encouragement of our fellow-citizens. And further be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this National Encampment are eminently due and are hereby tendered to the newspaper press of Indianapolis for the very complete reports of our proceedings.

Resolved, also, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Adjutant-General for publication in the newspapers of the city.

The Council of Administration presented the following additional report:

The report of the Committee appointed by the Council to audit the accounts of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General was received by the Council, showing the accounts and books and vouchers to be correct.

The amount of cash in hands of the Quartermaster-General is found to be $7065.74.

It has been ordered that the hotel bills of the National officers and members of the Council of Administration should be paid for the session.

Adopted.

Comrade Dudley, of Indiana, announced the programme for the evening entertainment, and expressed the hope that all the Comrades would attend.

Nominations were asked for for places to hold the next Encampment.

Comrade Lane, Maine, nominated Augusta, Me.

Comrade Wiegel, Maryland, presented the following from Comrade Ross, commanding Department of Maryland:

To the Commander-in-Chief and Comrades of the National Encampment:

Owing to a sudden severe attack of neuralgia, to which I am subject, I am compelled to leave the Encampment before adjournment, and take this method of communicating to you what it would otherwise give me great pleasure to do in person.

In behalf of the Department of Maryland I have the honor to extend you a cordial invitation to hold the next Annual Encampment in Baltimore.

No more devoted soldiers of the Union shouldered a musket or drew a sword in its defence than those of the Border States. In the early part of the war I had the pleasure of seeing a New York Regiment leaving home for the scene of conflict, marching down Broadway with their banners proudly flying and their martial music at their head, with elasticity in their step and pride in their hearts, cheered on by the countless multitude who followed them on the sidewalks. I saw them embark with cheers and the waving of handkerchiefs, and the oft-repeated "God Speed" from

friends and strangers alike, whose bosoms swelled with pride for the friends, lovers, husbands and brothers, who had gone forth to battle for the unity and integrity of the country.

I compared this with what was being done at *home*. With the exception of grand old Governor Hicks our State authorities were in jail or under arrest, our young men whose love for the Union was greater than their love for their section, or their ties of kindred, were going about seeking some way to enlist in the cause so dear to their hearts. Many went into other States and joined regiments in process of organization.

At last Mr. Lincoln authorized the organization of three regiments of Infantry, and a rendezvous was established on the outskirts of the City of Baltimore, and an invitation extended to all desiring to enter the "Union Army" to report at once. These regiments were almost immediately filled up, their officers commissioned by the President of the United States, and they were taken from Baltimore and uniformed and equipped on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and sent to the front. There were tearful eyes and prayerful hearts that went out to the boys when it was announced that the regiments had gone to the field; but the "pomp and show and panoply of war" was not there.

Comrades, those regiments meant business! Their households were divided, and many who left home on that day closed the doors of their father's houses behind them forever; and instances are known which, thank God! were but few where the parting injunction was: "You have disgraced your family and proved a traitor to your State. *See to it* that you do not bring dishonor on the cause you have espoused."

Not only *communities* were divided, but *families* also. We had two flags and two households.

It was not popular in the Border States to be a Union man, much less to be a Union soldier. To those families who happened to be united in their loyalty it was social ostracism for the loved ones who were left at home.

In the face of all these differences and difficulties Maryland sent *forty-nine thousand soldiers* to the field to do battle for the Union.

Comrades in the Encampment who were associated with the Maryland Brigade, in the Second Division of the Fifth Corps, and those who were present in the last battle of the war, when under command of its gallant Division commander, General Romelyn B. Ayres, it charged and carried the "Angle" at Five Forks on the 1st of April, 1865, can well attest that the spirit that led them to part from family and friends had not lost any of its fire from the lapse of years, nor any of its vigor from the hard knocks it had received.

Unfortunately, at the close of the war, the spirit of intolerance on the part of many of our citizens was as bitter as ever, and to organize and maintain Posts of the Grand Army in a community inimical to it presented difficulties that I know you all appreciate, as well as the necessity

of its existence, in building up a loyal sentiment amongst the young, who are coming into manhood.

That we have met with success is due to the united effort of the Maryland line and ex-soldiers of the North and West, who have settled with us since the war; and the credit belongs to no man more than another—to the loyal people of Maryland, who maintained the integrity of our State *in* the Union, whilst we were doing our duty in the field, much of our success is due. Through the moderation and firmness of our Comrades, general good deportment, and abstinence from all political complications, we have taught those who differed with us to respect and esteem our organization; and to-day we point with pride to the fact that we stand as high in the estimation of our whole community as any social and benevolent society in the land.

In behalf of the soldiers of our State, who bore the brunt of conflict for what they knew to be right; in behalf of the loyal citizens of our State, whose hospitality many of you have received before when passing through our city, and in behalf of the citizens generally of the State of Maryland, I invite you to visit the *out-post* of your Grand Army on the occasion of your next Annual Encampment.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant, in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. W. ROSS,

Department Encampment.

On motion the invitation to meet in the City of Baltimore was *accepted.*

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers reported that

Comrade Merrill had received	76	votes.
" Van Dervoort "	36	"
" Swain "	21	"

Comrades Van Dervoort and Swain joined in asking that the election of Comrade Merrill be made unanimous. Agreed to, and the Commander-in-Chief declared Comrade George S. Merrill, of Massachusetts, elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

Comrade Chamberlain, Illinois, nominated Comrade John B. Hager, Indiana.

Comrade Austin, Ohio, nominated Comrade Charles L. Young, Ohio.

Comrades Canfield, Ohio; House, Indiana, and Smith, Delaware, were appointed *Tellers.*

The tellers reported that

Comrade John B. Hager had received 55 votes.
" Charles L. Young " 68 "

Comrade Young was declared elected, the vote, on motion, being made unanimous.

For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

Comrade Van Dervoort nominated Comrade S. W. Lane, Maine.

Comrade Janes, Michigan, nominated Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Michigan.

Comrade Lane seconded the nomination of Comrade Pond and, on motion, Comrade Pond was elected by acclamation.

For Surgeon-General—

Comrade Tanner, New York, nominated Comrade W. Q. Huggins, M.D., New York.

Comrade Vanderslice, Pennsylvania, nominated Comrade Charles Styer, M.D., of Pennsylvania.

The tellers reported that

Comrade Huggins had received 40 votes.
" Styer " 44 "

Comrade Styer was declared elected.

For Chaplain-in-Chief—

Comrade Merritt, New Jersey, nominated Comrade Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, for re-election, and he was elected by acclamation.

For Council of Administration—

The following were placed in nomination and, on motion, were elected by acclamation :

Maine	H. F. Blanchard	Augusta
New Hampshire	J. N. Patterson	Concord
Vermont	E. J. Ormsby	Brandon
Massachusetts	Silas A. Barton	Lynn
Rhode Island	R. H. I. Goddard	Providence
Connecticut	Henry M. Durfey	Greeneville
New York	W. H. Bright	Utica
New Jersey	D. A. Peloubet	Jersey City
Pennsylvania	Robert F. Potter	Minersville
Delaware	W. Y. Swigget	Wilmington
Maryland	Charles H. Richardson	Baltimore
Potomac	S. S. Burdett	Washington
Virginia	H. B. Nicholls	Norfolk
Ohio	W. H. Baldwin	Cincinnati

Indiana	W. H. Armstrong	Terre Haute
Illinois	John Stephens	Chicago
Iowa	A. W. Guthrie	Des Moines
Wisconsin	H. B. Harshaw	Oshkosh
Nebraska	F. E. Brown	Syracuse
Kansas	John C. Carpenter	Leavenworth
Michigan	Oscar A. Janes	Hillsdale
Mountain	John A. Coulter	Georgetown, Colorado
California	Ira More	St. Jose

Comrade Adams, Massachusetts, moved that Comrade A. S. Cushman, a Past Department Commander, who had been dropped by reason of absence for some years in Europe, and who had on returning rejoined his Post, be reinstated in his honors as a Past Department Commander. *Agreed to.*

Comrade West, Nebraska, offered the following:

WHEREAS, The subject of pensions is a matter of vital importance to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, The long delays and many inconveniences suffered by the applicants for pension under the present status of affairs in the Pension Bureau at Washington, calls for redress;

Therefore, Resolved, That the office of Commissioner of Pensions belongs by right to us, and its affairs should be administered by some distinguished volunteer soldier, both for the good of the government and of the pensioners.

Referred to Committee on Pensions.

Comrade Thomson, Potomac, seconded by Comrade Hurlbut, Virginia, offered the following, which was *adopted:*

Resolved, As the sense of this Encampment, that the President of the United States be respectfully requested to see that the provisions of Section 1754 of the Revised Statutes, which provides for the appointments and promotions of honorably discharged disabled soldiers and sailors in the civil service, be strictly enforced.

On motion it was decided that a committee of five (the Commander-in-Chief to be one) should be appointed to wait on the President and convey to him the views of this Encampment in regard to the employment in the government service of ex-rebels.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the Hager Guards for their services as sentinels during the Encampment.

Comrade Rowe, New York, presented the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 16, 1881.

I appeal from the decision of the Commander-in-Chief in case of charges of violation of Article 13, Section 2, of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

T. C. ROWE.

On motion the appeal was laid on the table.

The Commander-in-Chief then called to the platform the following officers elect:

Commander-in-Chief, Comrade George S. Merrill,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Chas. L. Young,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Comrade C. V. R. Pond,
Chaplain-in-Chief, Comrade Jos. F. Lovering,

And in a few words inducted them into their several offices.

Brief addresses were made by these Comrades, and on motion of Comrade Wagner the National Encampment adjourned to meet in Baltimore in 1882.

Robt. B. Beath

Adjutant General.

After adjournment the following was received:

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., June 26, 1881.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—Absence from home has prevented my sooner acknowledging receipt of the engrossed resolutions of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a magnificent testimonial, reflecting great credit upon the artist and the committee charged with the work. It is greatly prized and will be preserved as an heirloom in my family.

Please receive for yourself, and communicate to your associates, my sincere and grateful thanks for the faithful and handsome manner you have discharged the duty imposed upon you.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JNO. C. ROBINSON.

CAPT. GEO. B. SQUIRES,
Chairman of Committee,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

GENERAL ORDERS AND CIRCULARS

ISSUED BY

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LOUIS WAGNER,

June 9, 1880—June 16, 1881.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Philadelphia, June 9, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

I. The National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at its fourteenth annual session, held at the National Soldiers' Home, near Dayton, Ohio, on June 8th and 9th, 1880, having elected me by a unanimous vote the Commander-in-Chief, I hereby assume the duties of that office.

Whilst thanking my Comrades for the high honor conferred in so flattering a manner, I bespeak for myself and the Comrades associated with me as the executive officers, a continuance of the aid and co-operation given our predecessors, so that the prosperity of the past year, manifested in large accessions to membership in the older Departments, and in the establishment of the Grand Army of the Republic in States and Territories lately without any organized Posts, may be continued during my administration, and that, at its close, we shall number in our ranks many more thousands of those who have heretofore failed to avail themselves of the high privilege of membership with us.

Let each Comrade constitute himself a recruiting officer, under special orders, to see that every honorably discharged soldier, sailor and marine of his acquaintance, who served with us in the suppression of the rebellion, is brought into our ranks to share our work and duties.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are hereby established at No. 1037 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

III. Comrade Robert B. Beath is hereby appointed Adjutant-General.

Additional appointments will be announced in future Orders.

LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, June 10, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

I. The National Encampment held at the National Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, Ohio, on June 9th, 1880, elected the following officers:

Commander-in-Chief,
Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Edgar D. Swain, Chicago, Ill.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
George Bowers, Nashua, N. H.

Surgeon-General,
A. C. Hamlin, Bangor, Me.

Chaplain-in-Chief,
Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Worcester, Mass.

National Council of Administration,

W. G. Haskell, Maine.
John C. Linehan, New Hampshire.
George H. Bigelow, Vermont.
J. Frank Dalton, Massachusetts.
C. Henry Barney, Rhode Island.
William Berry, Connecticut.
T. C. Rowe, New York.
A. M. Way, New Jersey.
Norman M. Smith, Pennsylvania.
J. H. Suter, Maryland.
Fred. Thomson, Potomac.
J. Davidson, Virginia.
Charles L. Young, Ohio.
E. W. Chamberlain, Illinois.
Peter V. Carey, Iowa.
H. T. Townsend, Nebraska.
J. C. Sargent, California.
Andrew F. McReynolds, Michigan.
Edwin A. Kendall, Wisconsin.
Thomas Hanna, Indiana.
M. M. Bane, Utah.

II. The following appointments were announced on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Adjutant-General, Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa.
Quartermaster-General, William Ward, Newark, N. J.
Inspector-General, James R. Carnahan, Lafayette, Ind.
Judge Advocate-General, George B. Squires, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Senior Aid-de-camp, George S. Evans, Cambridge, Mass.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, July 26, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 3.

I. Department Commanders will report from time to time the number of copies of Orders and Circulars required for their respective commands, so that each Post of the Grand Army of the Republic can have complete files of all orders issued.

All orders and official printed communications from these Headquarters, before being transmitted to Posts should have the following imprint put upon them:

Headquarters Department of.....
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Official

.....A. A. G.

Printing all dates and names so that they may pass in the mails as printed matter.

II. Department Commanders will furnish these Headquarters, at once, with a roster of the Officers of their Departments and a complete list of their Posts, reporting, on the last day of each month, all changes by reason of the organization of new Posts, or the disbanding of any now in existence; also two copies of all General Orders and Circulars issued by them, and of the Proceedings of Department Encampments.

III. All reports must be made promptly at the time required by the Rules and Regulations or by General Orders, and Department Commanders will take proper measures to secure the necessary data from Posts.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, July 26, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 4.

I. The following appointments are announced on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

To be *Assistant Adjutant-General,*—

Comrade Jno. W. Kester, Germantown Philadelphia.

Comrade Kester is assigned to duty at these Headquarters.

To be *Aides-de-Camp*,

Comrade Albert D. Bingham, Nashua, N. H.
" Jno. W. Crosby, Milford, N. H.
" P. P. Pitkin, Montpelier, Vt.
" Henry M. Durfey, Greenville, Conn.
" W. F. Rogers, West Meriden, Conn.
" W. D. Jaynes, Auburn, N. Y.
" A. B. Lawrence, Warsaw, N. Y.
" Thos. P. Rockett, Jersey City, N. J.
" Clifford Stanley Sims, Mt. Holly, N. J.
" F. H. Dyer, Washington, Pa.
" N. Ferree Lightner, Philadelphia, Pa.
" A. G. Rapp, " "
" Jno. R. Bignell, " "
" W. S. McNair, Wilmington, Del.
" Theo. F. Lang, Baltimore, Md.
" N. M. Brooks, Washington, D. C.
" Edwin Winter, Danville, Ill.
" Samuel B. Smith, Columbus, O.
" James C. Michie, Cincinnati, O.
" Isaac Gibson, Ludington, Mich.
" Jno. S. Wood, Omaha, Neb.
" F. A. Cimeran, Leavenworth, Kansas.

To be *Assistant Inspectors-General*,

Comrade James H. Burpee, Scyheville, N. H.
" Warren Gibbs, Burlington, Vt.
" Jno. L. Saxe, Waterbury, Conn.
" L. Chester Bartlett, Binghamton, N. Y.
" Edmund May, Camden, N. J.
" John Wainwright, Wilmington, Del.
" Jno. Cameron, Washington, D. C.
" E. S. Todd, Toledo, O.
" Thos. Lawlor, Rockford, Ill.
" Isaac C. Smith, Grand Rapids, Mich.
" A. S. Burt, Omaha, Nebraska.
" Geo. Lee Brown, Leavenworth, Kansas.

II. Additional appointments will be announced in future orders.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, August 20, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 5.

I. The following changes in the Rules and Regulations were made by the National Encampment, at Dayton, viz.: Strike out the words "and if elected he shall be re-obligated" in the last line of Sec. 4, Art. IV, Chap. V, page 25, and insert as foot-notes to said Article the following: "If the Post is disbanded, application may be made to another Post upon payment to Department Headquarters of amount due the disbanded Post."

"If the applicant (for reinstatement) be rejected, he may apply again after a lapse of six months. His name is not to be published."

Art. XIV, Chap. V, page 32 (edition 1879), "MEMORIAL DAY," strike out "preceding" and insert "succeeding" in fourth line, and strike out "succeeding" and insert "preceding" in fifth line.

These changes should be made at once on all copies in use.

II. A revised edition of the Rules and Regulations is ready for delivery.

III. The following appointments for the Provisional Department of Minnesota, Comrade Adam Marty, Prov. Department Commander, are hereby approved, viz.:

Senior Vice Department Commander,
Comrade F. Siebold.

Junior Vice Department Commander,
Comrade F. E. Joy.

Assistant Adjutant-General,
Comrade Samuel Bloomer.

Assistant Quartermaster-General,
Comrade Myron Shepard.

Aides-de-Camp,
Comrades W. H. H. Taylor, J. C. Rhodes, Sr., Peter Lies and H. C. Van Vorhes.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, August 28, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 6.

I. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

To be *Aides-de-Camp*,

Comrade Edwin N. Egery, Bangor, Me.
" A. B. Holland, Lewiston, Me.
" John R. Merritt, Swampscott, Mass.
" Frank O. Kendall, Lawrence, Mass.
" Robert H. I. Goddard, Providence, R. I.
" C. R. Becker, Albany. N. Y.
" Edward Henry Kent, New York City.
" R. H. McCormic, Albany, N. Y.
" John Daley, Albany, N. Y.
" James F. Harris, Williamsport, Pa.
" John W. Horn, Baltimore, Md.
" Eli F. Ritter, Indianapolis, Ind.
" Charles L. Dering, Portage, Wis.
" Charles W. Spalding, Laramie City, Wyoming.
" S. M. Jackson, Apollo, Pa.
" Earnest C. Stahl, Trenton, N. J.
" R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.
" W. Hervey King, Portsmouth, Va.
" W. H. Chandler, Perry, Iowa.

To be *Assistant Inspectors-General*,

Comrade J. E. Marshall, Rockland, Me.
" Ward Brooks Frothingham, Boston, Mass.
" C. Henry Alexander, Providence, R. I.
" Thomas Stewart, Norristown, Pa.
" Philip Cheek, Jr., Baraboo, Wis.
" Fred. Kneffler, Indianapolis, Ind.
" A. G. Alford, Baltimore, Md.
" N H. Meldrum, Denver, Col.
" Andrew Fyans, Nat. Mil. Home, Va.
" J. C. Parrott, Keokuk, Iowa.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, September 6, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7.

Great confusion having arisen in the manufacture of our badge, and still more in the use in the several Departments and Posts of the numerous wood-cuts, electrotypes and engravings, no two of which were alike, the within cut marked No. 1 has been prepared from the records of the National Encampment, as the correct representation of the Grand Army of the Republic Badge, and all engravings hereafter made must be exact copies thereof.

For use when cut No. 1 would be too large, an additional cut, No. 2, one-third reduced, has been prepared.

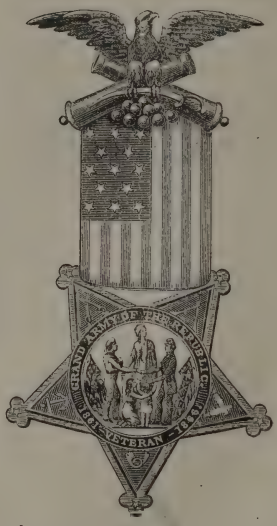
Electrotype copies of these cuts can be had by Departments upon requisition to these Headquarters, at $1.00 for cut No. 1, and 75 cents for cut No. 2.

It is expected that the many caricatures of our badge, which now disfigure so many letter-heads and envelopes with eight or ten stars, flags with the Union down, eagles falsely posed, and incorrect lettering on the face of the badge proper, will be at once destroyed, and that the official badge, as herein promulgated, will take their place.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

REGULATION BADGE
OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

No. 1. Price, $1.00
Full size.



No. 2. Price, 75 cents.
One-third reduced.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, September 6, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 8.

The committee, consisting of Comrades Robert B. Beath, of Pennsylvania; George B. Squires, of New York; and Theo. F. Lang, of Maryland, appointed (see page 723 Journal of Dayton session, 1880) to revise the instructions for muster-in and opening services, whose report, if approved by the Commander-in-Chief, should be published for the government of the Order, having presented its report to me, it was deemed advisable, in view of the necessity of printing a new edition of the Ritual, to embody the result of their labors in the Ritual itself, thereby saving considerable expense to the various Posts, and avoiding much labor and confusion in the proper administration of our ceremonies.

The new edition of the Ritual will be ready for delivery by October 1st, and each Department will be supplied by express on or before the 10th of that month with a sufficient number, in paper covers, to furnish each Post under its jurisdiction with two copies of the same, without charge.

The Rituals now in use by Posts will be destroyed on receipt of the revised edition.

Copies of the Ritual, printed on tinted paper and handsomely bound in blue cloth, will be furnished, as heretofore, at twenty-five cents per copy.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, November 16, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 9.

I. The State of West Virginia is hereby constituted a Provisional Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade W. H. H. Flick, of Post No. 1, Martinsburg, is appointed Provisional Commander.

II. Comrade George C. Douglas, of J. B. McKean Post, No. 1, Salt Lake City, has been appointed Commander of the Provisional Department of Utah, *vice* Comrade John B. Neil, removed from the Territory.

The appointment of Comrade Francis M. Bishop, as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Provisional Department of Utah, is hereby confirmed.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

To be *Aides-de-Camp*,

Comrade John W. Worth, Baltimore, Md., to rank from August 28, 1880.

Comrade E. DeC. Loud, Philadelphia, to rank from September 22, 1880.

Comrade James L. Watson, M.D., Brooklyn, N. Y., to rank from October 6, 1880.

Comrade William Q. Huggins, M.D., Sanborn, N. Y., to rank from November 1, 1880.

Comrade Abram Merritt, Nyack, N. Y., to rank from November 1, 1880.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, November 16, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 10.

I. A revised edition of the Manual, embracing all changes to date, has been prepared, and will be ready for distribution during December.

Not only Post Commanders, but each officer and Comrade desiring to fully acquaint himself with the rules and decisions of the Order should have a copy of this work.

Post Commanders will notify their Department Headquarters *as early as practicable* of the number required, and the Departments will make requisition accordingly.

II. Posts having Ritual Cards, edition of July, 1880 (printed before revision of Ritual), will make the following changes thereon:

For S. V. C. Strike out "Halt!" in third line.

For J. V. C. Substitute "now" for "at once" in fifteenth line.

III. In view of the general use of the Badge Presentation in the Muster-in Service, it is suggested that Posts adopt rules including the price of a Badge in the Muster-in fee. In this way the older members may be stimulated into securing Badges for themselves.

The cannon-metal now in use in the manufacture of Badges was obtained from the Fairmount Park Art Association, and was part of a lot donated by Congress for the erection of a monument to Major-General George G. Meade.

IV. The Commander-in-Chief desires to congratulate the members on the efficient work done by them in recruiting our ranks during the year; the gains over losses for the first and second quarters being over ten thousand members, and some of the Departments are making remarkable progress in the formation of new Posts.

Notwithstanding the excitement attendant upon a Presidential election, corresponding gains are thus far shown for the third quarter, and, as public attention is more favorably directed to the Grand Army than ever before, now is the time to further add to our strength and efficiency. Let each Comrade do his share in the needed work, and whilst cultivating the home field, aid the Department officers in the formation of new Posts, in places where their acquaintance with honorably discharged soldiers and sailors may give them the opportunity.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, December 1, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 11.

The great delays experienced by claimants for pension in obtaining a settlement of their claims, the manifest injustice which is often done to the meritorious, either in disallowing their pension or in granting an unduly low rate, and the frequent frauds which are perpetrated under the pension laws, has induced the Commander-in-Chief to carefully inquire into the matter, with the following results:

The annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, to the Secretary of the Interior, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1880, shows that after allowing for abandoned claims, there are no less than 282,597 unsettled live claims for pension on account of disability or death incurred during the War of the Rebellion. Three-fourths are the claims of surviving comrades-in-arms, and one-fourth the claims of widows, children and other relatives of such as have died. Besides these, new claims are made at the rate of more than 1,500 per month. Full 65,000 of the live claims have been filed for more than five years, and 30,000 more than ten years. Of the 9,723 Army Invalid claims allowed during the last year, 1,520 had been pending ten years, and 675 more than five years, 310 only were filed within the year. A greater number of original army and navy pensions were allowed during 1880 than in any year since 1871, and yet the number of these allowed was only 14,631. At this rate it would require many years to dispose of the claims which are now pending, to say nothing of the new claims which will be filed.

The delays which attend the settlement of the claims add to the misfortunes of the claimants, and are a great hardship upon them, from which they should, if possible, be relieved.

Under the present system these arise mainly out of the fact that the evidence goes to the Commissioner of Pensions in the form of written affidavits, which, true or false, appear upon their face precisely the same. They are generally prepared by the claimant or his attorney, no person being present whose duty it is to test the honesty of the claimant and his witnesses by personal observation of their conduct, or by proper questions. Under this system, fraud is easy and is often perpetrated. This imposes upon the Pension Bureau the duty of prescribing such rules and regulations touching the evidence, both in its preparation by the claimant and in the weight to be given it by the Office Examiner, as, in his judgment, will aid him in discriminating between true and false statements, to the end that the Government may not be defrauded. Of necessity these rules apply to all cases alike, and, therefore, subject the honest claimant to the same delays and difficulties as the dishonest. If the honest claimant could go with his witnesses immediately into the presence of a proper officer of the Government and relate the simple facts which they know, his difficulties would vanish, while the difficulties of the dishonest claimant, if he were subjected to the same ordeal, would be multiplied, thus increasing the facilities of the honest claimant and, at the same time, affording better protection to the Government against the dishonest.

The subject of a change to a better system has been brought to the attention of Congress for several successive years, through the annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, but owing to the opposition which has been made by those who enjoy large incomes from the business of prosecuting claims, no relief has been given, and little progress made in that direction until the last session, when the Senate Committee on Pensions perfected and reported a bill calculated to accomplish the desired result.

The bill, now pending in the Senate, is too voluminous to incorporate herein at length, but in order that the change proposed may be understood, the provisions covering that part are copied.

"SEC. 1. That there shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, in each of the Congressional districts, a pension examiner, who shall be a person learned in the law and of not less than five years' experience in the practice of his profession. He shall also appoint, in each of said districts, a pension surgeon, who shall have had not less than ten years' experience in the practice of his profession; provided, that the examiner and surgeon in each district shall be adherents of different political parties.

"SEC. 2. That the pension examiners and pension surgeons to be appointed under this act shall be authorized to administer oaths to pension claimants and witnesses in any matter pertaining to the prosecution and settlement of claims for pension and bounty, land warrants, or in any inquiry in relation thereto; and, under instructions and regulations to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions, shall take the declarations and testimony of pensioners and claimants, and of witnesses in such claims. The pension surgeon shall make a medical and surgical examination of such pensioners and pension claimants as he may be required by the Commissioner of Pensions to examine, and make report thereon. The testimony taken by the examiners and surgeons shall be reduced to writ-

ing, as nearly as may be, in the language employed by the deponents, and shall be subscribed and sworn to by the witnesses. The examiners and surgeons shall together visit each county seat in their respective districts as often as three times in each year, unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner of Pensions, for the purpose of performing the duties prescribed by this act, and shall also, for the same purpose, visit such other places in their respective districts, from time to time, as they shall be directed by the Commissioner of Pensions to visit; and whenever any pensioner, claimant or witness whose presence before the examiner or surgeon is necessary to the proper determination of a matter pending before the Commissioner of Pensions, shall, because of illness or disability, be unable to travel to an appointed place to appear before the examiner or surgeon, the Commissioner of Pensions may direct one or both, as the necessities of the case may seem to require, to visit such pensioner, claimant or witness, as the case may be, and take such disabled person's testimony, or make the required medical examination."

In addition, the bill contains provisions for all the necessary machinery to give effect to the above plan.

In submitting this bill to the Senate, the committee describe its object as follows:

"The original bill (S. No. 496) had four principal objects in view:

"1. To secure public proceedings in the preparation and prosecution of pension claims.

"2. To submit the claimant's evidence to a reasonable scrutiny by officers of the Government.

"3. To obtain for pensioners and pension claimants, when necessary, an intelligent, careful and exhaustive medical examination; and

"4. An early settlement of the meritorious claims. The committee believe that, if the parol evidence offered by claimants in support of their claims can be taken in a simple and convenient form of public proceedings in the vicinity where the claimants and witnesses reside, and in the presence of authorized officers of the Government who may question them in relation to their means of knowledge of the facts to which they testify, and the medical examinations be made under similar conditions, the frauds upon the Government through the pension laws will be vastly reduced, the settlement of the meritorious claims greatly hastened, and at the same time the claimants be relieved from many of the obstacles which they now encounter, and the expenses of obtaining their evidence considerably lessened, and that such proceedings will render unnecessary the longer continuance of the present method of investigating suspected frauds."

The Commander-in-Chief is impressed with the necessity of legislation of the character proposed, and feels satisfied that the Senate Bill, No. 496, as amended and reported to the Senate, will remedy the evils which the claimants experience under existing laws, and will materially hasten, by some years, the settlement of honest claims, and he calls upon the several Posts and Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic to take immediate measures to express to Congress their views and wishes in relation to the proposed legislation, and to invite the co-operation of all surviving soldiers and sailors everywhere.

Accompanying this order, you will find blank memorials, to be signed and forwarded as therein noted. There should be official action on the

part of Posts in the shape of resolutions approving the proposed legislation, and these, with one copy of the memorial, should be returned to these headquarters on or before January 1st, 1881.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

(See Circular of Dec. 20th, page 841.)

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, February 23, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 12.

I. The Provisional Department of Delaware has been discontinued by the formation of a Permanent Department therein. Comrade W. S. McNair, Commander, and S. Rodmond Smith, A. A. G. Headquarters, Wilmington.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

As *Aides-de-Camp:*

Comrade E. K. Valentine, West Point, Neb., and

Comrade W. H. Webster, Central City, Neb. To rank from November 17, 1880.

Comrade A. J. Sellers, Philadelphia. To rank from December 24, 1880.

Comrade Frank E. Brownell, St. Louis. To rank from January 10, 1881.

Comrade Geo. W. Graham, Harper's Ferry, West Va. To rank from January 18, 1881.

Comrade Jas. M. Gibbs, Danville, Pa. To rank from January 18, 1881.

Comrade C. R. E. Koch, Chicago. To rank from February 12, 1881.

Comrade Robert Boston, Plymouth, Pa. To rank from February 21, 1881.

Comrade Cyrus C. Emery, Boston, Mass. To rank from February 21, 1881.

III. The resignation of the following-named officers of the National Staff, tendered by reason of their election as Commanders of their Departments, have been accepted:

Comrade Abram Merritt, A. D. C., New York.

Comrade W. S. McNair, A. D. C., Delaware.

Comrade W. Hervey King, A. I. G., Virginia.

IV. Departments desiring to obtain a large number of Badges for use of Posts, by MEMORIAL DAY, must make an early requisition for the same.

Orders are now on hand for all that can be manufactured during the next six weeks, and the experience of the past has shown that the hurry to fill orders held back until the last moment has caused annoyance and disappointment.

Department Commanders will also make early requisition for all blanks required for reports for the first and second quarters, 1881.

V. The Order has made gratifying progress during the past two years. This increased membership properly employed in securing recruits should make the gains of the current year larger than any preceding one.

Officers of Posts should, by diligent study and attention to the duties of their several positions as prescribed in the Rules and Regulations, Ritual, Services and Manual, make their Post meetings attractive and impressive.

Upon the membership generally devolves the duty of strengthening our ranks by securing applications from worthy comrades of the past, who have not yet been brought into fellowship with us in the Grand Army of the Republic.

VI. In answer to many inquiries, it may be stated that the National Encampment has not indorsed the "Grand Army Beneficiary Fund," and that Comrades must satisfy themselves by the usual means of inquiry as to the advisability and liability of that institution.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, April 12, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 13.

In accordance with our Rules and Regulations, Monday, the thirtieth day of May, will be observed as MEMORIAL DAY, and the Grand Army of the Republic is invited to make such arrangements for its reverent observance as will do fitting honor to the memories and resting-places of our dead Comrades; and it is hoped and expected that the several Posts will so apportion and prepare for the work of visiting the different cemeteries that no grave of a soldier or a sailor will be on that day without a floral token of remembrance.

To this end the co-operation of citizens, of churches, of schools and of benevolent societies should be invited, and, in towns where no Posts are yet organized, the nearest Post should, through correspondence or personal solicitation by committees, secure a proper observance.

It is further suggested that each Post attend Divine Service on Sunday, May 29th, as a fitting preparation for the solemn duties of the day.

It is now thirteen years since this Memorial Day was instituted, and that which seemed to many of doubtful propriety has steadily grown in public favor, and has been more and more generally observed.

Each year we are called on to visit hundreds of new graves: the graves of Comrades who have met with us in our Post rooms, many of them foremost in Grand Army work, but who have gone before to the reunion of the Grand Army above, reminding us how rapidly our ranks are being thinned by Death, and binding us more firmly together as Comrades.

Let this day speak to us of memories which enwreath an immortal renown; of a patriotism which was measured only by the Nation's necessity; of the duty laid upon us to preserve untarnished the inheritance of valor and loyalty that has been left to us, that our conduct as citizens may make more honorable our services as defenders of the Union, and that all who assemble with us in memory of our dead may learn to love our country, to respect her laws, and to reverence her flag. As when the bugle sounded and the drums beat the "long-roll" we knew no distinction of class, of race, or of faith, so let us know no differences, sectional, partisan or religious, as we now recall the deeds and memories of our heroes; as we salute a flag that waves over a Union preserved; as we supplicate for the widow and the orphan, for ourselves and our homes, and for our country, the blessings of Almighty God.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, April 12, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 14.

The attention of the Grand Army of the Republic is again invited to the subject referred to by Commander-in-Chief Earnshaw, in Par. VI, General Orders, No. 7, March 16, 1880—The Gettysburg Battle-field Association.

In accordance with the request then made, enough Posts and Comrades, by the purchase of one or more shares of stock, became members of this association to secure to the Grand Army a controlling interest, and which resulted in the election of a Board of Directors, three-fourths of them members of our Order.

This association, incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, was formed for the purpose of holding and preserving the battle-grounds of Gettysburg, with their natural and artificial defences, and to perpetuate

through such memorial structures as might be erected, the heroic deeds and achievements of our troops.

In furtherance of this, the association has acquired and holds in fee simple considerable portions of the battle-field, including points of the greatest interest, viz.:

1st. That portion of the grove near the Katalysine Springs, in which General Reynolds fell July 1st, 1863, containing four acres and one hundred and two perches.

2d. Granite Spur, commonly called "Little Round Top," containing thirty acres and two perches.

3d. The north slope of Round Top, containing twenty-nine acres and ninety-nine perches.

4th. The Park opposite to and east of the National Cemetery, containing ten acres and one hundred and fifty-four perches.

5th. McKnight's Hill, lying between and connecting Cemetery Ridge with "Culp's Hill," containing about thirteen acres.

6th. Culp's Hill, containing thirty-one acres and one hundred and thirty-one perches—making in all one hundred and twenty acres, more or less.

All these grounds remain as they were at the time of the battle, except so far as the marks of the contest have been effaced by natural causes; and to a large extent the lunettes and infantry defences have been renewed and preserved as originally constructed on these portions of the field. There have also been erected guide-boards, to the number of thirty or more, at important points, indicating the positions of troops and the localities of interesting events which occurred at the time of the battle; and, in addition to these, forty pieces of artillery have been mounted on the defences at various points of the line.

There has also been erected an observatory, sixty-five feet high, upon the crest of Cemetery Ridge, overlooking the country for miles, and affording an interesting view of the various parts of the battle-field.

There are other points of interest which the association, for lack of funds, has not yet been able to secure, and which are offered at low prices by the present owners, with a view to their ultimate purchase and dedication to public purposes.

An effort is being made to secure from the several States whose soldiers fought on this field, sufficient appropriations to permanently mark the positions of their regiments.

If the enlargement and improvements designed and suggested can be carried into effect, we shall have preserved, for the contemplation of the military student and tourist of future years, a history, delineated upon the ground, of the most important battle of modern times; and shall also possess a Park, the diversified and striking natural beauty of which can hardly be excelled.

The purchase and improvement of the grounds thus far have involved

the expenditure of over $15,000, and money is needed to open roads so as to afford easy access to and a full view of every part of this historic ground.

The Commander-in-Chief believes that this is a matter of National interest. The soldiers of every northern State, and of many of the border and southern States, fought, died and were buried on this battle-field; and he believes that the members of the Grand Army everywhere feel a special pride in its preservation as accomplished and proposed, and to this end he invites Posts and Comrades to become part owners by a subscription of ten dollars per share, which entitles the holder to a beautifully designed certificate of membership, representing portions of the battle-field, engraved on steel in the highest style of art, and to a vote, in person or by proxy, at all elections in the association.

Subscriptions may be made through these Headquarters, or direct to J. L. Schick, Esq., Treasurer, Gettysburg, Pa.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, April 16, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 15.

I. The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Fifteenth Annual Session at Indianapolis, Indiana, on Wednesday, June 15th, 1881. The hour and place will be designated in future orders.

Arrangements for transportation and quarters will be announced as soon as completed.

II. Attention is called to the following resolution, adopted by the National Encampment June 18th, 1879: "Proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations must be presented to the Adjutant-General, in time to furnish each member a copy, at least thirty days before the Annual Encampment."

III. The following Comrades are appointed a special committee to consider the subject of the "Sons of Veterans" (see pages 718–721, Journal Fourteenth Annual Encampment):

L. Coe Young, Binghamton, N. Y.; John Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thomas Hanna, Greencastle, Indiana; Charles L. Young, Toledo, Ohio; and W. S. McNair, Wilmington, Del.

All communications on this subject will be addressed to the chairman, Comrade L. Coe Young, at Binghamton, N. Y.

IV. The following appointments on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

To be *Aides-de-Camp:*

Comrade James R. Mullikin, Newark, N. J. To rank from March 1, 1881.

Comrade Henry S. Bunker, Toledo, Ohio. To rank from March 5, 1881.

To be *Assistant Inspector-General:*

Comrade Thomas P. Jones, Portsmouth, Va. To rank from March 16, 1881.

V. The appointment of Comrade John E. Hudson, of John A. Dix Post, No. 3, Utah, as Senior Vice Commander, Provisional Department of Utah, is hereby confirmed.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, *May* 11, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 16.

The Commander-in-Chief is advised that Joseph E. Temple, Esq., one of Philadelphia's most liberal citizens, has contributed the munificent sum of twenty-five thousand dollars toward the erection of an equestrian statue of Major General John Fulton Reynolds.

The services of General Reynolds during the war were of a character to endear him to the soldiers whose privilege it was to serve under him, whether in the Division of the Pennsylvania Reserves, in the First Army Corps, or in the Third and Eleventh Corps and Buford's Cavalry Division, which troops he led before and during the battle of Gettysburg. His victories were theirs and his achievements contributed to their renown.

The whole country sees in Reynolds the embodiment of that heroism which made the citizen-soldier invincible, and a statue in enduring bronze will show to coming generations that unselfish, patriotic services, even to death, are not forgotten.

It is the special duty of the Grand Army of the Republic to perpetuate the memories of our great soldiers, and you are hereby invited, by means of personal subscriptions or by collections in or appropriations by Posts, to participate in the pleasing duty of raising a monument to one of the great generals of the late war. The several Posts bearing the name of Reynolds, the soldiers who served under him, the survivors of all our fleets and armies are urged to contribute to this praiseworthy object.

The fund, when raised, will be disbursed by a committee on which all the organizations contributing will be represented, and it is hoped and expected that the Grand Army of the Republic will have honorable share in the work.

Comrade Jos. G. Rosengarten, Post No. 1, Philadelphia, formerly upon General Reynolds' Staff, is hereby appointed Treasurer of the Reynolds Monument Fund. He can be addressed at No. 532 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Contributions will be acknowledged in future orders.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, May 13, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 17.

I. The following rates have been secured over the Pennsylvania Railroad, to Indianapolis and return, on the occasion of the meeting of the National Encampment, June 15th: From New York, $22; Philadelphia, $20; Harrisburg, $18.

Tickets will be sold at these rates on the presentation of orders, which will be issued by the Adjutant-General, on application.

Comrades residing east of New York City will arrange for rates to New York, and from that point use these special tickets, which will be made good from June 10th until June 25th.

The Commander-in-Chief and Staff will leave Philadelphia at 12.10 P.M. Monday, June 13th, arriving in Indianapolis, Tuesday, 12.35 P.M.

Comrades are requested to arrange to start at that time, and a special train will be made up for the Grand Army if a sufficient number report.

Those wishing through sleeping accommodations will correspond with the Adjutant-General at once.

Headquarters will be established at the New Denison, Indianapolis. Rates at the New Denison House, $2.50 to $3.50 per day. The Bates, Grand, Occidental and Brunswick, $2.00 per day.

Comrades desiring to arrange in advance for quarters will communicate with Comrade F. H. Butler, Indianapolis.

The National Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters at the New Denison House, 8 P.M., Tuesday, June 14th.

The Commander-in-Chief trusts and expects that no one honored with an election as representative, or as an ex-officio member of the National Encampment, will be absent from this session.

II. The following amendments to the Rules and Regulations are proposed:

To make all officers elective.

To restore the requirement for re-obligation of "dropped" members.

To change Section 5, Article II, Chapter II, so that rejected applicants shall not be eligible to *any* Post until six months after such rejection.

To provide for the appointment of a "Historian."

III. The resignation of Comrade F. H. Dyer as A. D. C., tendered by reason of his election as Senior Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, has been accepted.

IV. The following appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are announced:

To be *Aides-de-Camp*,
Comrade H. B. Hackett, Philadelphia.
" W. L. Elliott, San Francisco.

To be *Assistant Inspector-General*,
Comrade J. L. Tharp, San Francisco.

V. The proceedings, findings and sentence of a General Court-martial, convened by S. O. No. 125, Department of Pennsylvania, for the trial of Comrade W. J. Whartenby, of Post 6, and a member of the Department Encampment of Pennsylvania, are hereby approved, and in accordance therewith the said W. J. Whartenby is dishonorably discharged from the Grand Army of the Republic.

By command of LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
Indianapolis, Ind., June 16, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 18.

At the Fifteenth Annual Session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Indianapolis, Ind., on June 15th and 16th, 1881, Comrade George S. Merrill, of Massachusetts, was elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing Grand Army year.

I surrender the command, with which you honored me one year since, with the knowledge that the affairs of our organization are committed into the hands of a Comrade whose long connection with the Grand Army of the Republic has but intensified his zeal in furthering the interests of the survivors of the fleets and armies of the Union. Comrade Merrill assumes command at once, and I bespeak for him the same hearty support you rendered me during the whole of my administration, which is severed to-day.

LOUIS WAGNER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:
ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, September 6, 1880.

CIRCULAR
No. 1.

The Commander-in-Chief, in pursuance of his intention to visit officially the different Departments of the Grand Army during his term, announces the following visits for September, viz.:

Reach			Leave	
Central City, Neb.,	Tuesday, P.M.,	Sept. 14th.	Thursday,	A.M., 16th.
Des Moines, Iowa,	Thursday night, "	16th.	Saturday,	P.M., 18th.
Chicago, Ill.,	Saturday night, "	18th.	Tuesday,	A.M., 21st.
Indianapolis, Ind.,	Tuesday, P.M., "	21st.	Wednesday,	P.M., 22d.
Toledo, Ohio,	Thursday, A.M. "	23d.	Friday,	P.M., 24th.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the National Officers, Members of the Staff, Department Officers and members generally, who may be in position to do so, to accompany him, or meet him at any of the places named.

Visits of the character proposed must be conducive to an increased interest in the G. A. R. by the members of the Posts and Departments visited, and especially in strengthening that feeling of Fraternity that binds us together as Veterans of the War for the Union.

It will not be practicable to make any extended visits during October, but later in the year, and especially at the Annual Encampments, if timely arrangements can be made as to dates, the Commander-in-Chief hopes to be able to complete the work he has undertaken.

At each of these places the Revised Ritual will be explained.

Comrade E. D. Swain, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, expects to be present at the meetings in Central City, Des Moines and Chicago, and probably at other points; and Comrade George Bowers, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will be present, with several of the National Staff, at the reunion of the Department of Maine, at Portland, September 10th.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, September 29, 1880.

COMRADE:

The National Council of Administration will meet in the City Council Chambers; Independence Hall, on Friday, Oct. 15th, at 10 o'clock A.M. A full attendance is desirable.

This change of time from that fixed by the R. and R. (first Wednesday in October) is made to enable you to participate in the parade of the Department of Pennsylvania, to be held here on GRAND ARMY DAY, Thursday, October 14th.

It is expected that this will be the largest demonstration of the Order yet held, and it will amply repay for the time given by those who can be present.

In addition to the invitation from the Department of Pennsylvania for Grand Army Day, Post No. 5, of Philadelphia, will receive as its guests on Tuesday, October 12th, Gen. Lander Post, No. 5, of Lynn, Mass. (some two hundred strong), and they extend to the National Officers and Staff a cordial invitation to attend their muster on Tuesday evening, in their Hall, 1528 South street, and also a Social Reception at Musical Fund Hall, on Wednesday evening.

It is suggested that the following uniform be worn: Single-breasted, blue flannel sack coat, with movable G. A. R. buttons; white vest, cut high, without collar, five G. A. R. buttons; blue pantaloons; fatigue cap, staff pattern, but without gilt cord; white gloves; official badge on left lapel of coat.

Please advise me, positively by October 8th, whether you will be present, and when you expect to arrive.

You will please report at these Headquarters on arrival (if during business hours), or at the Girard House, Ninth and Chestnut streets, unless you have preference for any other.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, December 20, 1880.

COMRADE:

Since the promulgation of General Order No. 11, numerous letters have been received requesting additional information touching the subject therein referred to. The inquiries relate, principally, to the *probable* inconvenience and expense to the claimant of procuring the attendance of his witnesses.

The provisions of the Bill (see copy herewith), in Sections 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 6, 7, 8 and 9, are a full answer to these inquiries. Sections 1 and 2 provide that the Government officers shall visit *every* county-seat; while Section 3 makes provisions for claimants and witnesses who reside in the territories, or at such a distance from their county-seat that their attendance there would be burdensome; and at the end of Section 2 provision is made for such as are sick and unable to travel.

The testimony being given in public in the presence of officers of the Government, it will of necessity be more reliable, and a less number of witnesses will be necessary than is now required.

Some of the correspondents have assumed that the officers to be appointed to take the testimony of the claimants and witnesses will act as *attorneys* for the Government, and in that character endeavor to defeat claimants. This is entirely an erroneous impression, as will be seen upon reading the provision of the Bill itself, which is framed in a most liberal spirit, with a view of *assisting* instead of hindering meritorious claimants.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 1037 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia, April 16, 1881.

CIRCULAR.

COMRADE:

The Commander-in-Chief desires to present in his annual report to the National Encampment a full statement of the work done in the several Departments during the year. The information needed for this can be furnished by you in more thorough detail than can be gathered from the official formal reports received at these Headquarters.

He, therefore, requests that you forward before May 15th any and all points which you deem of interest, giving, particularly, notes of all large reunions or special efforts made by Posts or the Department; the number of new Posts organized, or old ones resuscitated, and also note what special efforts are contemplated during the current year.

You are also particularly requested to see that supplemental reports are made in time for the printed reports, of Posts not heretofore reported on the returns for December 31st, so that the full strength of your Department may be credited.

Let us also have reports, forms C and D, for the quarter ending March 31st, as early as practicable, and payments in full for supplies furnished, so that there may be no debit balances to report against any Department.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ROBT. B. BEATH,
Adjutant-General.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

(From Indianapolis JOURNAL and SENTINEL.)

THE EVENING RECEPTION.

An Enthusiastic Welcome by the Citizens—Speeches by Governor Porter, Mayor Grubbs, Marshal Dudley, Gen. Louis Wagner and others.

The assembly at the Park Theatre, on Wednesday evening, June 15th, was large and fashionable. As early as half-past 7 o'clock the crowd began congregating, and it required the efforts of a number of police officers to prevent a complete crush. The balcony in front of the theatre was elaborately decorated by large flags festooned with cedar, the stairway and corridors also displayed decorations in the shape of pictures and evergreens. Inside the decorations were particularly elaborate and beautiful—double festoons of cedar dropped from the family circle, the centre of each inverted arch being marked by a bouquet. Over the gas chandeliers were patriotic designs framed in evergreen, and with flowers gracefully interwoven. At the tops of the columns supporting the circle small flags were arranged. On each side of the stage, at the boxes, large silk battle flags were displayed, together with banners of the G. A. R. Suspended from the proscenium arch was on immense star of evergreens and flowers, with the inscription "G. A. R., George H. Thomas Post, No. 17." On the stage, on the right-hand side, was a soldier's tent surmounted by a flag. The stage was elaborately set in a forest scene, and the whole effect was particularly striking and appropriate. The audience was one of the finest ever assembled in a theatre here, the gorgeous uniforms and adornments of the old soldiers and the elegant costumes of the ladies making the scene one of unusual brilliancy. At a quarter past eight o'clock, while the orchestra was playing, the National officers of the Order came upon the stage, their entrance being

greeted by enthusiastic applause. Governor Porter, who came in a moment later, was also happily received. The front seats in the parquet were reserved for the visiting delegation, and when they came in the entire audience received them with genuine enthusiasm. On the stage were General Louis Wagner, Commander-in-Chief; Past Commander-in-Chief William Earnshaw, of Ohio; General J. R. Carnahan, Inspector-General; General William Ward, of New Jersey, Quartermaster-General; Captain George B. Squires, of New York, Judge Advocate-General, and other prominent members and officers; Governor Porter, Mayor Grubbs, General R. S. Foster, General Fred. Kneffler, Colonel W. W. Dudley, General W. H. H. Terrill and others. Governor Porter occupied a seat on the extreme right and Mayor Grubbs on the left. The following is the programme of exercises:

Colonel W. W. Dudley, Commanding the Department of Indiana, presided. Music, orchestra, Grand March. Welcome address, Hon. A. G. Porter, Governor of the State of Indiana. Music, orchestra. Welcome address, Hon. D. W. Grubbs, Mayor of Indianapolis. Music, orchestra. Response by General Wagner, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R. Music, Quartette.

Part Second.—Quartette, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," Mrs. W. C. Lynn, Mrs. S. L. Morrison, Messrs. Glover and Morrison. Soprano solo, Mrs. John C. New. Duet, "The Crimson Glow of Sunset," F. W. Root (barcarolle for four hands), Mrs. W. C. Lynn and Mrs. S. L. Morrison, Miss Willard and Mr. Stone, pianists. Quartet, Costa, Mrs. W. C. Lynn, Mrs. S. L. Morrison, Messrs. Glover and Morrison.

Collation. Music and promenade. Orchestra.

Governor Porter was gracefully introduced by Colonel Dudley, and spoke as follows, in welcoming the distinguished visitors:

I feel embarrassed in offering to you a formal welcome to the State. Formal welcomes are given to strangers. They seem almost unsuitable to you, for in whatever place the Union is valued, where does not a soldier who fought for it, no matter where his dwelling-place may be, feel that he is among friends and at home. And if, where the benefits conferred by him have been greatest he should feel most welcome, where should he feel so much at home as here? (Applause.) Indiana owes to the soldiers who overcame the rebellion a double welcome. They preserved to her the inestimable advantage of the Union, they saved her from being a State of the border. They thus represent to her incalculable benefits conferred and incalculable calamities averted. Every battle won seems, while won for all, to have been separately won for her. The battle-scarred veterans who

stand before her to-night make vivid to her the fields on which they fought. Donelson and Vicksburg, Shiloh and Nashville, Petersburg and Atlanta, Gettysburg and Appomattox, and other fields not less memorable – they are all here—vivid in the confiict and, thank God, more vivid in the achievement. Men that fought on all these fields are here, their swords laid aside, their brows crowned with laurels. Welcome, friends and heroes.

But Thomas, McPherson, Meade, Hooker, Reynolds (applause) and their fallen associates, not less glorious (renewed applause), and the dead million that carried the knapsack, where are they? Eighteen centuries and more ago a great poet sang, "I shall not all die, a great part of me shall survive the tomb." These brave dead, are they not also here? Memory restores them to us. Their epaulets and their knapsacks seem to fill the air. They are here as their comrades saw them on the field. They are here in the remembrance of great deeds imperishable. They are here in their good work still going on. The workman may fall but his work goes on immortal. Their unseen hands labor wherever weakness is struggling in a just cause against might, or the rights of men are seeking for a just recognition from reluctant governments. (Applause.) Our own dead hero, in war sleepless, ubiquitous—the friend of the common soldier—who helped win battles. though he never drew a sword—Morton (applause)—does not imagination restore him to us to-night in all the grandeur of his living presence? (Applause.) Let it be said of you, soldiers of the Grand Army, to your everlasting honor, that when you laid down your swords you sought no ignoble rest, but girded yourselves anew for civic duties. You preferred to the languid pleasures of repose the active duties of achievement. What valor had won you resolved should not be insidiously stolen back or listlessly surrendered. "To discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty (applause), incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions," you declare in your constitution to be a chief object of your association. But you set before you a yet nobler work, "to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men." Justice and fulness of right to men—not limited to any quarter of the earth's surface; human right, not held to reside in a pigment, nor God's image to be obscured by it. To this noble cause, fulness of justice and right and liberty to ali men, a cause fit for heroes, the Grand Army of the Republic is dedicated. (Loud applause.)

Mayor Grubbs, in behalf of the city, made the following address:

Comrades of the Grand Army—I am here to-night to welcome you to the city of Indianapolis, the capital of the State which sent 150,000 soldiers to fight for the cause which you deemed worthy of any sacrifice, and for which thousands of your comrades freely offered up their lives. (Applause.) I welcome you on behalf of the city which gave to the

Nation its greatest War Governor (renewed applause), who, after devoting every energy of an active manhood to the enforcement of law and the preservation of the Union, now rests quietly in the Soldiers' Cemetery within our precincts. In the name of the people who trusted and honored and loved him I bid you welcome. No organized body of soldiers wearing the national uniform, and bearing the stars and stripes, ever entered the limits of our city without receiving a welcome such as is due the defenders of their country's honor. No regiment ever left us for the front unless accompanied by the prayers and benedictions of all our loyal people.

You are here to-night—a few survivors of a grand army—veterans of many a well-fought field—and the welcome we now extend to you is as generous and hearty as that which was given to those who came to us in the hour of greatest peril. In all your deliberations let nothing be said or done to detract from the patriotism of those who saved the Nation, or to make heroes of those who sought to destroy it. Around your camp-fires you may "fight your battles o'er again," and while doing so may well be pardoned for feeling proud of your military triumph.

"What was the wondrous triumph? What the priceless harvest reaped
That cities put on flowers and fire, and happy women wept?
Oh, write it on your proud façade, on arch and column stone,
That once Right triumphed over Wrong, that Justice hath her own."

Col. W. W. Dudley then gracefully introduced the citizens of Indianapolis to Gen. Louis Wagner, Commander-in-Chief, assuring him that the people of this city and State would have been glad to have given cordial welcome, not only to the National Encampment, but the Grand Army of the Republic itself, of which the members of the Encampment were the honored representatives.

Gen. Wagner, in his response, said:

Governor Porter, Mr. Mayor, Department Commander Dudley, ladies and gentlemen, residents of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana—for in the response to this welcome I must include you all—permit me, in the name of those whom I have the honor at this moment to command, to thank you for these words of welcome and for this magnificent reception to-night. It has been my privilege to be present when the organization has met in other cities of this great country, and we have been received and formally welcomed by Governors and citizens elsewhere, but let me assure you, citizens of Indianapolis, that nowhere has the reception and welcome been more cordial than in this, our present session. (Applause.) I am certain, judging from what we have seen and received at your hands, that it was no simple figure of speech when Comrade Dudley said to us that your hearts were large enough to take in our constituency. With true hospitality your latch-springs were out; and, as the Governor has said, although not strangers, you took us in. (Laughter.) I am certain, however, that when our Encampment adjourns to return to our several

homes we shall carry the pleasantest recollections of our meetings of to-night and to-morrow. The Governor said he was embarrassed. How could that have been, when it is the business of Governors to make speeches of welcome? (Laughter.) It is with us, and I am certain it must be with you in this city, which is famed for conventions and gatherings of all sorts from all over these United States. It is no wonder that you are able to give us a hearty welcome to your city, for it seems to me that your people must be occupied the greater part of their time in hearing something new, and in receiving those who make this city their rendezvous and meeting place. I am told that not long since you had conventions of undertakers and doctors, meeting here at one time. (Laughter.) I am quite sure you welcomed them, if for no other reason, because the people where they lived must have been glad that they were away from home. I don't know why the doctors came here, but the doctors have concluded to come. I know why the undertakers came—it was because they had nothing to do at home. (Laughter.) It is with some trembling that I stand here to-night, but there ought not to have been any embarrassment on the part of the Governor. The embarrassment comes to us. While the Governor and the Mayor were speaking I put down on the back of this programme two or three lines of thought that I could follow when it came to my turn to respond to the welcome of the ladies and gentlemen assembled here. And if the Governor was embarrassed, I certainly may be. It is not his nature, but it is mine. I am embarrassed because all the handsome things I had intended to say, and which I had down already, I had to strike out one after another, because I found as the Governor was talking that he was saying almost all that I intended to say. (Laughter.) The Governor had no right to monopolize all the best things. What business had the Governor to speak about George H. Thomas? (Applause.) I was going to do that. What business had he to tell you about Vicksburg? I was going to do that. What business had he to tell you about those great men who led us to great victories during the war, and until the war was over, and we had achieved a permanent victory, although, as he said, the workmen, many of those who had labored with us, had fallen while the work still went on? Something else I wanted to say, but he said it for me; and it was a good thing for him that he was a Governor. If he was only a Grand Army man there would be a big row to-morrow. (Laughter.) I wanted to remind the people of Indianapolis and the members of the Encampment that this organization was first gathered together in their beautiful city. (Applause.) It was born here fifteen years ago. The representatives, the soldiers and sailors of eleven States, gathered here and established their organization, and now we come bringing back greatly increased numbers, not as the representatives of the Army of the Cumberland, or of the Tenessee, or of Sherman's army, or the Army of the Potomac, but of the Army of Armies—the Grand Army of the Republic, banded together for one purpose—not simply to enjoy pleasant reunion, but having an established permanent orga-

nization, within whose ranks all who wore the blue and served for the defence of the flag, and gained an honorable discharge, may enjoy membership and have mutual intercourse. (Applause.) And this army shall go on to increase. You of the West have taken a new lease of life, and now in every city and town and hamlet Posts are being established. The work that was started here fifteen years ago continues to prosper. And then I wanted to say it was in the encouraging presence of your own great War Governor, Oliver P. Morton (applause), that the organization had its first gathering in this beautiful city. I am glad, Mr. Mayor, that a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic has been selected the chief magistrate of this city. You do these things different here from us in the East. You make your best men mayors. We don't. We have no mayor with our organization. That is sufficient evidence we don't. (Laughter) I congratulate the citizens that they have called a man from the Grand Army of the Republic to fill the highest position of influence.

The speaker concluded with an eloquent tribute to the patriotism and gallant services of the members of the Grand Army, and sat down amidst hearty applause.

After music, General Wagner said that he proposed that the quartet should sing "Marching through Georgia" instead of the number announced on the programme, and he wanted everybody to join in the chorus. The invitation was responded to with hearty good will, the entire audience rising and singing with much vigor.

General Wagner then introduced Colonel Dudley, who spoke as follows:

An unexpected yet a pleasant duty has been assigned me by the Commander-in-Chief. One Comrade's seat is vacant here to-night, whom we all had hoped to have seen in his accustomed place—one whom, in days past, you have delighted to honor for all his sterling qualities as a soldier and commander, and had planned to further compliment. His absence is enforced. Two years since this National Encampment voted an engrossed copy of resolutions to their twice Commander-in-Chief. He is not here to receive it, but it will be received by one of his comrades of the First Corps, Army of the Potomac, who has left both legs upon the field of battle.

Corporal James Tanner, accept for your old commander this unusual mark of esteem.

General John C. Robinson has our hearts, and let this testimonial attest our recollection of his virtues.

The testimonial was a large elegantly framed series of resolutions, expressing the appreciation of the G. A. R. for General Robinson.

Corporal Tanner was received with the most enthusiastic cheers, and said:

I have felt many a time the terrible embarrassment one man finds himself in when he finds himself in another man's place. (Great laughter and applause.) But I desire to say to those of this audience who are not familiar with Comrade Robinson, that they can best understand my embarrassment when they know I represent a man who spent forty years in the service of his country. He was my brigadier-general. He is a grand old man, combining every element of a patriot and a soldier. He awaited the order of his superior, and then went to the front. He exhibited the spirit of that man who said to his general, when he asked if he could take a certain point, "Give me the order, and I will storm the gates of hell." I am sorry that I have not words to express my thanks for him to-night. He is one of those whose earnestness, whose loyalty, whose bravery, has never been surpassed since the world was created. Though the war has been closed many years, we soldiers feel that we can do no better than honor the names of those brave men who were leaders in the war. We simply ask you to remember, as you look back on the pages of history made glorious by the achievements of those men, that they made that band of blue that stood between you and disloyalty—between a united country and Mexicanization. (Great applause.) If Robinson were here he would only be too glad to receive this generous welcome that you have given us here to-night. We can only say, "God bless you for it." To you this is but a living gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic, but to us there are shadows of those who died that their country might live, whose bones now are bleaching on Southern sand. The soldiers of the Grand Army stand by each other. There is one presence in the Nation to-day who, if he could step on this platform, would make all the boys hoarse for a week. It is because we know what Grant says, he says from the bottom of his heart, and he means it, and nothing can turn him away from his purpose. (Great and enthusiastic applause.) We might go on and mention Phil. Sheridan and others (cheers), but time is too precious.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am no stranger to the hospitality of Indiana. My former visits here were in a missionary cause. (Laughter.) I was here helping a friend whom I see sitting quietly in front to-night, and that is Ben. Harrison. (Great cheeers.) Years and years ago, while I was in a hospital in the South, half way between life and death, there came a sweet and blessed presence, a lady from Cincinnati, who attended to my wants. That lady is now a resident of Indianapolis. (Applause.) Gentlemen, in behalf of General Robinson, I thank you a thousand times.

At this point Senator Harrison was brought forward, and after a few facetious remarks in regard to the manner in which his repose and happiness for the evening was disturbed, spoke as follows:

It is quite observable that whatever representative body of the great American army that battled for and won the maintenance of our Government and the undimmed glory of the flag, that whatever the special char-

acter of the organization, and whatever in our land that organization, it never fails to stir to the depths the sympathy of the people. (Applause.) It is remarkable just now that we are beginning to read again the history of the War. Contributions from the leaders of the Southern forces and from the distinguished officers of our own army are taken as history of that great contest, and so deep-seated and all-pervading is the interest in the great struggle that even the newspapers of the day that can give place for nothing that is not exciting and sensational, are beginning to tell again the story of the war, and men and women everywhere are reading that story anew, and from the soldier who fought in the ranks to the officer of the line or of the staff, that has not borne into our public press contributions to the history that is yet to be written of that great struggle. I recall to-night the opening scenes of the great struggle here in Indianapolis. I remember well the day when the swift messenger of lightning brought to us the news that the guns had been fired upon Sumter. I remember well the awe that seemed to settle for a time upon the whole community, when I stood for a moment undecided, but it was not the indecision of fear, but rather like that stillness which goes before the sweep of the mighty tempest, for, in another day, our great railroads had abandoned all ordinary traffic and were bringing into the Capital the brave boys of Indiana who rallied in a moment to avenge this insult to the flag. How we did misjudge the length of that struggle. I well remember Captain Chris. Miller, of Lafayette, who commanded perhaps one of the first companies who came to Indianapolis. His company was organized in one of the three months' regiments. Some of them were sent to West Virginia. I well remember meeting that gallant officer upon the streets of this city, and the piteous manner in which he cursed his fate that he and his regiment were to be left to the idleness and inaction of a camp at Indianapolis, while other regiments had already gone to the field. Chris. Miller was called to West Virginia, and at Rich Mountain, leading his company, was one of the first to receive a rebel bullet in his breast. Who can tell, if we could have seen the long and bloody way that laid between that day in the beginning and the final day at Appomattox, whether we would have courage enough to face the great undertaking? Fortunately, it was hidden from us, and we went on step by step, gaining strength and courage and fortitude and patriotism. These virtues were tested, and we gained strength and fibre as the steel from the force of the hammer, until it was found that neither man nor woman flagged in their determination to make the war a success. * * * Now, comrades, the veterans of this war, here to-night the guests of Indianapolis, let us not only here in formal speech, but wherever we meet them, do them homage—recognizing in them the instruments by which our country was preserved—that this vista of glory, usefulness and honor which opens before us, was made so by them, by their valor, rather than have it end in a bloomless and eternal night.

Mrs. John C. New sang the soprano song "Sing, Smile and Slumber"

in excellent style, and was honored with generous applause. She was encored, and graciously responded by singing "The Swanee River" in a manner that created great enthusiasm.

Gen. Wagner introduced Col. Chil Hazzard, of Pennsylvania, who, in a few graceful words, presented, on behalf of the Order, to Past Commander-in-Chief William Earnshaw of Dayton, a beautiful badge. Chaplain Earnshaw was visibly affected by the presentation, and responded substantially as follows:

I have no words at my command at this time to give anything like an expression to the perfect Niagara of feeling now in my breast. I love the Grand Army of the Republic, and, with many of you, have devoted sixteen years' service to this great cause. It was my fortune to enter the war at the outset; the first day I did not think of serving in a ministerial capacity. I expected to help fight down the Rebellion. It was my sad fortune to look upon our comrades engaged in bloody conflict in nineteen hard-fought battles of the war. It was my mournful privilege to look upon the forms of 30,000 of my countrymen upon the field of battle, and to hear the last words of thousands who fell in the struggle, and I yet seem to hear the gurgling of the life blood as it drained from the breasts of those who stood up for the flag, and to hear their last messages to loved ones at home, and I have listened to their lamentations, and many were the promises I made of the nation's care for those who were to be left behind. It was there I learned something about the feelings of a brave patriot, dying far from home. The Grand Army of the Republic was organized for the purpose of smoothing the pathway of the old, wrinkled, bereaved father, and to comfort the mother as she grieved over her lost ones, and to make life a little easier for the widow and her little children. It is not strange, my friends, that I should feel proud to thus have it called to my memory that I have tried to be a faithful member of the Grand Army of the Republic. I shall never forget having been called to be its Commander-in-Chief.

After a few remarks in regard to the lessons that he should derive from the beautiful badge, bedecked with the diamond cross, shield and star, the speaker took his seat amidst great applause.

The badge was an elegant and valuable one, and was presented by a resolution passed by the Encampment last year. It was a badge of the Armies of the Potomac and the Cumberland and the Grand Army of the Republic, with a cross studded with diamonds under the rank badge of a Commander-in-Chief. On the back these words were inscribed: "Comrade William Earnshaw, for valued services as Commander-in-Chief, 1879-1880, Grand Army of the Republic."

The quartet, consisting of Messrs. Morrison and Glover and Mrs. Mor-

rison and Lynn, sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" admirably, and the exercises closed with the duet "The Crimson Glow of Sunset" (barcarole for four hands), by Mrs. Morrison and Lynn, Mr. Stone and Miss Willard. After giving three hearty cheers for the Grand Army, the audience was dismissed, the delegates and friends going to Washington Hall, where a collation was spread, and after that a pleasant social time was enjoyed.

Thursday Evening.

The concluding session of the National Encampment, "The Camp-fire Entertainment," was greeted, at the Park Theatre, on Thursday evening, by an immense audience, every seat and all the available standing room being occupied. The heat was intense, and nothing but the interesting character of the programme served to keep the audience in their seats. On the stage were Corporal Tanner, Charles W. Smith, Judge Claypool, Col. Merrill, C. L. Holstein, Ed. McDevitt, Chaplain Earnshaw, General Wagner, Col. Roswell Hill, Hon. G. W. Friedley, Col. W. W. Dudley, Charles W. Holstein, besides a large number of ladies. On the back of the stage was a detachment of soldiers in uniform, and sentries paced each side. The reveille was sounded and a back scene drawn, disclosing a representation of a fort and gunboats.

Charles W. Smith called the audience to order and introduced Mr. C. J. Colgan, who recited "The Revenge" in excellent style. In response to an enthusiastic encore Mr. Colgan said: "I have been requested, ladies and gentlemen, to tell Mark Twain's whistling story, and this is neither the time nor place to deny anybody," and so he gave the story in inimitable style.

The Apollo Quartet, Messrs. Ora Pearson, O. W. Williams, Fred. Loomis, and S. L. Morrison, rendered "Praise of the Soldier" excellently and, in response to an encore, gave "The Toast." After orchestral music Mrs. Lydia Hood Talbott recited "Supporting the Guns," giving a very intelligent reading, and showing great dramatic power. In response to an enthusiastic encore she gave the well-known selection, "The Money-Musk." After music by the orchestra, the Liederkranz Society gave a chorus with great spirit, and James Whitcomb Riley recited his Hoosier dialect sketch, "The Tree-toad," creating the greatest laughter and applause. He was compelled to respond to the encore, and gave "Dot leedle poy of mine."

The Apollo Quartet sang "The Artillerist's Oath," in good style, and Mrs. Gay Robertson gave a selection which was peculiarly appropriate.

She was generously applauded and in response to an encore she told about the matrimonial experience of "Mr. Socrates Snooks." This exhausting the regular programme, a call was made for short speeches from some of the distinguished gentlemen present.

In response to a general call, General Wagner arose and said:

I like this five-minute plan. I can tell all I know in less than that time. Before I say anything else, I want to read a dispatch from the President of the United States.

Here General Wagner read a dispatch announcing the appointment of Colonel Dudley as Commissioner of Pensions, causing great cheers. Colonel Dudley was called out and introduced, being greeted with three cheers. He said:

I thank you for the kind reception you have given this news.

General Wagner continued, saying:

When I came to Indianapolis I was the biggest man in the Grand Army of the Republic, now I am only a mere private, and I will now have the pleasure of turning over to my successor as Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Merrill, this gavel, as an emblem of authority.

Colonel Merrill, being thus introduced, responded wittily to the remarks of the gentleman who preceded him, telling two stories in excellent style and producing great laughter. In concluding, he said:

I am exceedingly gratified to be here to-night. We have camp-fires in the East, but I have learned a lesson here to-night, for strong as we are in New England, I doubt if there is a city there, on such an occasion as this, would turn out such a magnificent audience as Indianapolis has turned out to-night, and since we have been in the city our welcome has been as generous and royal as could be imagined. In behalf of the Grand Army I thank you for the many courtesies we have received at your hands. (Applause.)

Corporal Tanner was called for, and met with an enthusiastic reception when he stepped forward. He made a short speech, in which he gracefully returned thanks for the call and for the hospitality that he had been shown in Indianapolis. In conclusion, he called upon Captain G. B. Squires, of New York, who recited "The Return of the Standards" in a manner that created much enthusiasm. Short addresses were also made by Chaplain Earnshaw. Captain Storrie, of Pennsylvania, gave a recitation, and Colonel "Jack" Adams, of Massachusetts, closed the entertainment by a stirring little speech, complimentary to Indianapolis and her citizens. The audience dispersed after singing "Marching Through Georgia."

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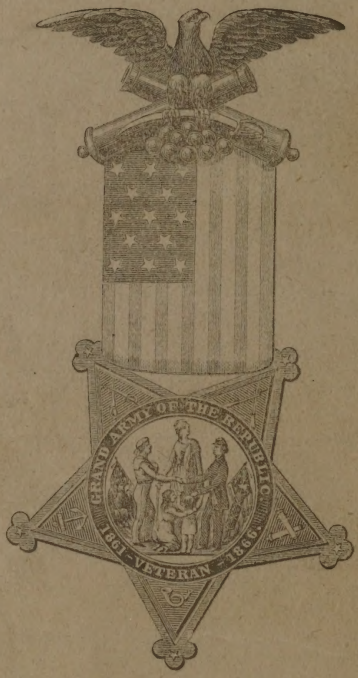
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